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Initiative. More than 275,000 registrations since FB launched a feature that allows users to state their intent to donate organs



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Double-lung-transplant recipient Hélène Campbell helped announce the launch Tuesday of a new feature that allows Canadian Facebook users to share their intention to become organ donors right on their Facebook timeline.

The service first launched in the U.S. and U.K. in May and has since expanded to 12 more countries.

Jordan Banks, managing director of Facebook Canada, said there have been more than 275,000 worldwide registrations to date.

"We believe that simply by telling people that you care about that you are, in fact, a donor, this power of sharing and this power of connection can play an important role in raising awareness for organ donation and encouraging others as well to become organ donors," said Banks.

Quoted

"My generation is social media. Why not use it for the greater good?"

Hélène Campbell, double-lung-transplant recipient

Leona Aglukkaq, Canada's minister of health, joined Banks and Campbell in the announcement at a press conference in Ottawa.

Campbell applauded the move by Facebook and said the most important thing when it comes to organ donation is sharing.

"Something like this is exactly what we need," Campbell said.

There are more than 4,500 people in Canada waiting for vital organs like hearts, livers and kidneys, the minister said, adding that despite efforts, their needs are not being met.

"I invite all Canadians on Facebook to take a moment to consider becoming a donor and to make a decision that can save up to eight lives," said Aglukkaq.

Facebook said people who use the feature can share their story on their decision to become donor. Users who aren't registered can find more information with their provincial donor registry.



Double-lung-transplant recipient Hélène Campbell and Jordan Banks, Facebook Canada managing director, speak at a press conference in Ottawa Tuesday about a new organ-donation tool for Canadian Facebook users. JOE LOFARO/METRO

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Charges laid

Ottawa police crack down on rowdy partiers

Drunken revellers in downtown Ottawa were smacked with 360 charges and/or warnings by Ottawa Police Services last weekend.

The charges were part of a concerted effort, dubbed Operation Autumn Glory, from police, city bylaw officers, and provincial alcohol and gaming authorities to crack down on nuisance complaints. The operation was conducted in the By-Ward Market, Lowertown, Sandy Hill, Vanier and Centretown Friday night and early Saturday morning. **ALEX BOUTILIER/METRO**

Impaired driving

Man wanted on warrant may be in Nova Scotia

Ottawa police say a man wanted on a Canada-wide warrant in relation to a fatal car crash three years ago may be in Nova Scotia.

Brandon Gaul, 26, is charged with impaired driving causing death, impaired driving causing bodily harm, and dangerous driving causing bodily harm.

In November 2009, police say a car driving southbound on Island Park Drive in Ottawa went off the road and flipped over.

When police arrived, the car was on fire. Four men inside — between the ages of 21 and 23 — were pulled out and taken to hospital with serious injuries. One of the men died as a result.

Police believe Gaul is living in the Annapolis County-Middleton area of Nova Scotia and may work at a tattoo business. He is described as having a muscular build, reddish-blond hair and a limp. Contact Det. Greg Rhoden at 613-236-1222 ext. 2481 or Crime Stoppers, with information. **HALEY RYAN/FOR METRO**



City councillors will receive a report on Ottawa's aging infrastructure, such as the now-infamous sewer pipe that caused the Highway 174 sinkhole collapse, or the replacement of underground pipes on Rideau Street, which is snarling traffic, seen in the photo above. **SEAN MCKIBBON/METRO**

If it's broken, then it's time to fix it

On the agenda. City's infrastructure report sped up after Highway 174 sinkhole debacle



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Ottawa councillors will get a comprehensive look at the state of the city's infrastructure and assets Wednesday morning.

Staff from the city's Infrastructure Services Department are scheduled to present the Comprehensive

On budget

\$6.437M

Amount the City of Ottawa approved for asset management in the 2012 budget.

Asset Management Program to council's finance and economic development committee.

The report, which has been in the works for more than a year, was sped up after a storm sewer collapsed under Highway 174, causing a 13-day headache for commuters and drawing attention to aging municipal infrastructure.

As part of city hall's response to the episode, Mayor Jim Watson asked staff to deliver the report a couple of weeks early. What the report includes, however, will have to wait until it's tabled with the committee.

"I can't talk about anything in the report at this time because ... it's not yet delivered to council," said Jocelyne Turner, a spokeswoman with city hall.

But Kanata North Coun. Marianne Wilkinson said staff will present different options for what "level of maintenance" council wants for city assets.

"We have to decide what

level of maintenance and standard we want to have, and they'll be making a recommendation on that tomorrow," Wilkinson told Metro. "And the second point of it is how much it's going to cost to do that."

Knowing where the "hot-spots" — the areas requiring immediate attention — are will allow for better budgetary planning, according to Knoxdale-Merrivale Coun. Keith Egli. This is pressing business given that the city's draft budget is slated to be tabled in late October.

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Mobile news



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It's been a rough couple of weeks for Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney. Scan the code to see yet another behind-the-scenes video that has shocked critics, this one allegedly capturing Romney talking about Chinese workers.

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Trading up from \$30 camera, Ottawa man targets Tesla

Getting closer.

Provost's greatest snag so far is a \$12,000 social media package



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The dream of owning a Tesla roadster is \$12,000 closer for Ottawa's Martin Provost after he set out to swap from a \$30 digital camera to the \$125,000 eco-friendly sports car two years ago.

"Especially with the economy, people are getting more creative about how to acquire what they need," said Provost, who uses swap site swapsity.ca to make trades, along with Kijiji and Craigslist. "It's better than taking out your credit card all the time."

With two young children at home, Provost said his financial priority wasn't to get the electric powered roadster, but he remembered the story of Canadian blogger Kyle MacDonald, who bartered his way to a house starting with a red paperclip in 2005.

"I wanted to work my way up to my dream car," he said. Now 10 trades deep into his mission, Provost's latest move

Swaps so far

Among other items, Provost has traded up a business telephone system, an HP PC, two guitars, a brewery tour and robots.

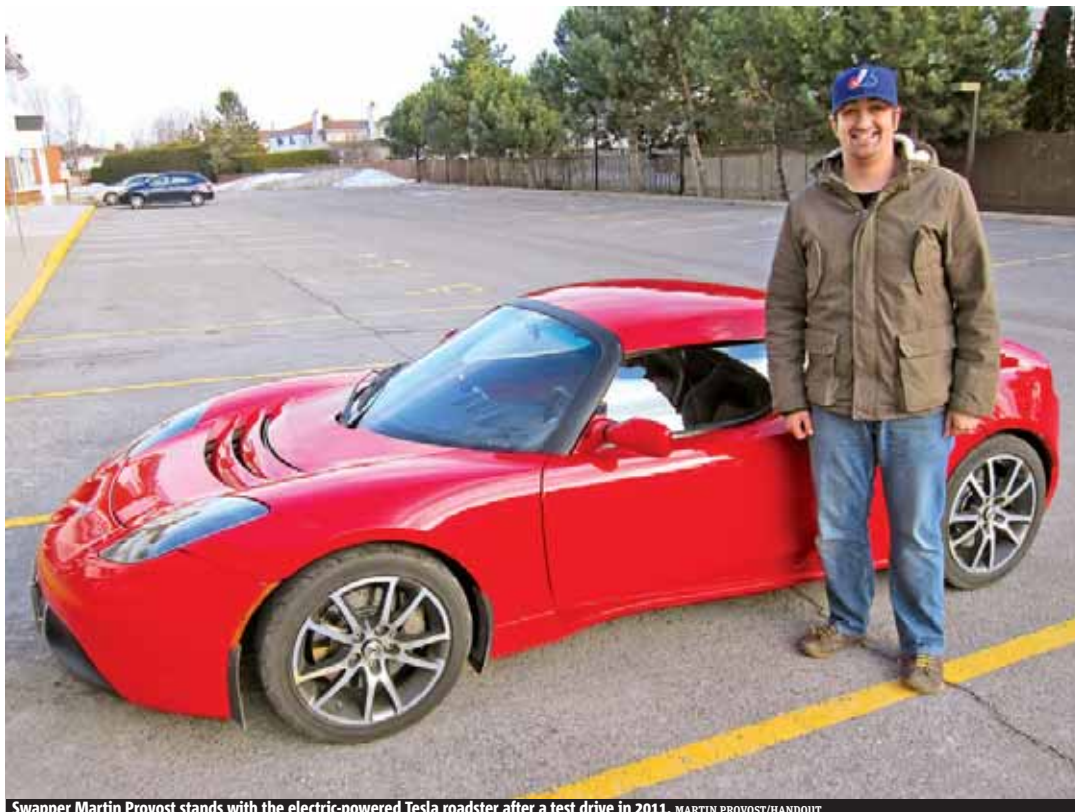
saw him swap two HD video cameras, designed for extreme sports, with Ryan Holmes, CEO of social-media company HootSuite.

With the video cameras valued at \$1,000, Provost's latest trade is his biggest, snagging a \$12,000 HootSuite enterprise suite for companies that want to expand their social-media portfolio.

"There's one challenge," Provost said. "It's hard to find connections to a company that would take advantage of a package like that. It would have to be a large company looking to break into social media."

Still, he hopes that big-ticket items will mean larger and faster trades. "I have to multiply my value to the power of 10," he said.

Letting go of some of the trades has been hard, Provost admits. "Like the brewery tour at Beau's. I wanted to do that with my friends, but I have to stick with my end goal."



Swapper Martin Provost stands with the electric-powered Tesla roadster after a test drive in 2011. MARTIN PROVOST/HANDOUT



Babes4Breasts founder Ana Miura, left, Bernice Rachikowski and Linda Eagen.

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Babes4Breasts have high hopes

Organizers for the annual Babes4Breasts fundraising concert have set ambitious fundraising goals for this year's event.

Ana Miura, who started the breast-cancer fundraiser in 2003, said she hopes to pull in between \$15,000 and \$20,000 this year.

"There's the wildest dream

goal, and then there's the (goal)," Miura said on Tuesday. "(But) that's the hope, for sure."

Miura, who has had family and friends grapple with breast cancer in the past, said what sets Babes4Breasts apart is the intimate atmosphere.

A number of musicians — this year there are five on the bill — sit in a songwriters'

circle with audience members around them.

"Babes has grown into not only an event but a community," Miura said.

"I've connected with so many different people, not only musicians from across Canada but also men and women who are on their cancer journeys... All that has come together into

the actual concert."

On the bill this year is Miura, Amanda Rheau, Suzie Vinnick, Ann Vriend and Robyn Dell'Unto. The concert is scheduled for October 20 at the Saint Brigid's Centre for the Arts on St. Patrick Street. Tickets are \$20 in advance — available at babesforbreasts.com — and \$27 at the door. ALEX BOUTILIER/METRO

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Vets will nail construction jobs with help of new site

Afghanistan soldiers.

The federal government is hoping large firms will post job opportunities to new site



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A new website will make it easy for soldiers returning from Afghanistan to find jobs in construction and transition to civilian life, Veterans Affairs Minister Steven Blaney said Tuesday.

"It's a good link to getting into the construction field," said Afghanistan veteran Reno St-Germain, president of Veterans UN-NATO Canada of website helmetstohardhats.ca.

"Employers will know already what they're going to get. Veterans have teamwork and many other skills."

In January the federal government set aside \$150,000 for the website, which will give some 5,300 veterans leaving active duty every year access to 60 trades looking for fresh blood. The government has already forged ties with large companies such as PLC construction and TransCanada pipelines, as well as the provinces of Alberta and Ontario.

"There's literally thousands of veterans out here who can tap into a career with this," said Joe Maloney, vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, citing Canada's booming shipbuilding and heavy industrial sectors.

If you're a combat vet, how-

ever, it may be more difficult to benefit from the site, said St-Germain, citing a different skill set than military support workers, such as engineers, who are ideal for construction jobs.

"I know people who could, in fact, benefit from this, but construction just isn't their game," said Marcus Wisotzki, an Afghanistan vet and former combat engineer who is now a supervisor with PCL.

"All those skills that I learned in the military are applicable here," he said. "PCL has a structure similar to the military, and at our company there are a lot of apprenticeships."

Any construction company that has a job to offer can post on the site, said Blaney. "They can get the skilled workers that they desperately need. It's a win-win situation."



Reno St-Germain, president of Veterans UN-NATO Canada, listens as Veterans Affairs Minister Steven Blaney announces the launch of a website to help returning Afghanistan soldiers get jobs in construction. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

Ottawa students rally for chance to play sports



Students rally at Nepean High School. JOE LOFARO/METRO

Some students at Nepean High School celebrated with mixed feelings about getting a girls field hockey team this year but being denied other extracurricular sports as a result of teachers working to rule.

Ten schools across the region failed to register fall sports in their respective leagues before the noon deadline Monday, the National Capital School Athletic Association confirmed yesterday.

To protest the Ontario gov-

Equal opportunity

"We're very grateful for the administration and the teachers for working so hard.... We just want to have an equal opportunity to play."

Sandra Ranson, Grade 11 student

ernment's Putting Students First Act, which bans strikes

and allows the province to dictate the terms of contracts, unions are encouraging teachers not to stay longer than required at school and not to participate in extracurricular activities.

Sandra Ranson, a Grade 11 student at Nepean High School, said her vice-principal announced the school had waived the requirement for the girls field hockey team to have a teacher supervisor as a coach.

Now, the team will be headed by a recently retired teacher, who has experience in field hockey, she said.

The other teams, however, might not have the same luck.

"We're ecstatic to have our season back, but we understand this is not the case for other teams," said Ranson, 16.

Ryley Alp, another Grade 11 student, said sports are important because they can help shy students make new friends. JOE LOFARO/METRO

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Surgery. Doctors claim first mother-daughter uterus transplant

Two Swedish women are hoping to get pregnant after undergoing what doctors are calling the world's first mother-to-daughter uterus transplants.

Specialists at the University of Goteborg said they performed the surgery over the weekend without complications but added that they won't consider it successful unless the women give birth to healthy children.

"That's the best proof," said Michael Olausson, one of the surgeons.

One of the unidentified women had her uterus removed many years ago be-

Past procedures

- **Unsuccessful.** In 2000, doctors in Saudi Arabia transplanted a uterus from a live donor, but it had to be removed three months later because of a blood clot.

cause of cervical cancer, while the other was born without a womb. Both are in their 30s.

They will undergo a year of observation before doctors attempt to help them get pregnant via in vitro fertilization. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Anti-corruption

Cops search McGill University offices

Quebec's anti-corruption squad searched the offices of the McGill University Health Centre on Tuesday looking for information related to the awarding of a contract for a new super hospital. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Mexico

Some inmates in tunnel escape found

Officials said Tuesday they have found three inmates thought to have escaped through a tunnel at a northern Mexico border prison, lowering the number of escaped prisoners to 129. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

William and Kate win court case over topless photos



Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, drink coconut milk on Tuesday from a tree planted by the Queen in 1982 in the Polynesian island nation of Tuvalu. ARTHUR EDWARDS/GETTY IMAGES

Too late. The photos are already on the Internet and have been published in France, Italy and Ireland

Prince William and Kate's aggressive legal strategy over topless photos of Britain's likely future queen is the first salvo in what could be a decades-long tug-of-war over their family's privacy.

A French court ruled in favour of the royal couple on Tuesday in their fight over the photos, but the scope of that ruling will be limited.

The unauthorized topless photos of Kate have

In the public realm

"Thousands, now tens of thousands of copies, are now in public circulation."

Christopher Mesnooh, American lawyer in France

already been widely published in France, Italy, Ireland and on the Internet — lessening the impact of Tuesday's court injunction against future publication inside France.

The revealing pictures will follow Middleton for the rest of her life — not unlike the snapshots of her appearance in a charity fashion show wearing black lingerie and a sheer dress during her university days.

"Clearly, the harm has been done," said Christopher Mesnooh, an American lawyer working in France for Field Fisher Waterhouse.

"Thousands, now tens of thousands of copies, are now in public circulation."

"A legal decision is a wonderful thing to obtain and the royal couple did exactly what they should have done."

"But you know the magazine is out there and I suspect most of you have already seen copies of that magazine, so the basic, the initial harm, has been done."

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Death toll over anti-Islam film rises as unrest continues

Demos, riots, bomb. U.S. produced film depicts Muhammad as a fraud, womanizer and pedophile

Al-Qaida's branch in North Africa on Tuesday called for attacks on U.S. diplomats and an escalation of protests against an anti-Islam video that was produced in the United States and triggered a wave of demonstrations and riots in the Middle East and beyond.

While demonstrations have tapered off in nations including Egypt and Tunisia, protests against the film turned violent in Pakistan and Indian-controlled Kashmir and hundreds of people rallied in Indonesia and Thailand. Some 400 people protested peacefully outside the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand's capital. Protesters

Innocence of Muslims

28

Twelve more protesters died in riots in several countries, bringing the total number of deaths linked to the film to at least 28. That includes Christopher Stevens, the U.S. ambassador to Libya, and three other Americans killed in an attack there.

carried signs and banners saying, "We love Prophet Muhammad" and "Stop insulting our religion," and chanted, "Down with America" and "Down with Israel."

In Kabul a suicide bomber rammed a car packed with explosives into a mini-bus carrying South African aviation workers to the airport, killing at least 12 people in an attack that a militant group said was revenge for the film Innocence of Muslims, which was made by an Egyptian-born American citizen.

Afghan President Hamid

Karzai said the attack killed eight South Africans, three Afghans and a Kyrgyzstani.

In Indonesia, about 200 people from various Islamic groups torched an American flag and tires outside the U.S. Consulate in the third largest city of Medan. Some unfurled banners saying, "Go to hell America."

Appearing on David Letterman's show Tuesday night U.S. President Barack Obama said the filmmaker behind the anti-Islam film is a "shadowy character."

The president added that Ambassador Stevens was beloved by a vast majority of Libyans.

U.S. officials describe the video as offensive, but the American government's protection of free speech rights has clashed with the anger of Muslims abroad. Google has blocked access to the video in Libya, Egypt, Indonesia and India.

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Film clashes in Jerusalem

Masked Palestinians help a colleague during clashes with Israeli security forces, not pictured, in Shuafat refugee camp, Jerusalem on Tuesday. Clashes erupted after a demonstration against a film that ridicules Muhammad. BERNAT ARMANGUE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jordan

Law puts online expression at risk: Critics

Jordan's king has endorsed a controversial new media law that critics say could severely stifle online expression.

The law requires 400 news websites operated by Jordanians to register with the government and obtain licences. It also gives authorities the power to block and censor the sites, and holds publishers and editors liable for posted comments.

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Egypt

Teacher jailed for Facebook posting

A court in southern Egypt has sentenced a Coptic Christian teacher to six years in prison for posting on his Facebook page drawings that it ruled insulted the Prophet Muhammad and comments deemed offensive to the country's president. Beshoi el-Behiri had denied the charges.

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England

Fugitive allegedly kills two officers

Two unarmed officers were gunned down by a wanted fugitive in the Manchester area of northern England on Tuesday, police alleged.

Chief Const. Peter Fahy says that Fiona Bone — a 32-year-old who was planning her wedding — and Nicola Hughes, 23, died shortly after the gunman opened fire and set off a grenade in Hattersley, a suburb about 16 kilometres from central Manchester.

The man alleged to have carried out the killings, 29-year-old Dale Cregan, surrendered at a local police station shortly after the incident and was booked on suspicion of murder. Cregan had already been the focus of a manhunt as a suspect in two murders last month.

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Discovery

Ancient text refers to Jesus's wife: Prof

A Harvard University professor has unveiled a fourth-century fragment of papyrus that she says is the only existing ancient text that quotes Jesus explicitly referring to having a wife.

Karen King, an expert in the history of Christianity, says the text contains a dialogue in which Jesus refers to "my wife," whom he identified as Mary. King says the fragment of Coptic script is a copy of a gospel, probably written in Greek in the second century.

King unveiled the fragment of the "Gospel of Jesus's Wife" in Rome on Tuesday. She says it doesn't prove Jesus was married but speaks to issues of family that faced Christians.

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Labour dispute

Chicago teachers to return to classes

Chicago's teachers agreed Tuesday to return to the classroom after more than a week on the picket lines, ending a spiteful stalemate with Mayor Rahm Emanuel that put teacher evaluations and job security at the centre of a national debate about the future of public education.

Union delegates voted to formally suspend the strike after discussing details of a proposed contract settlement worked out over the weekend. Classes could resume as early as Wednesday.

The contract will now be submitted to a vote by the full membership of more than 25,000 teachers.

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Official mulls regulation of parties' voter databanks

The federal election watchdog is examining whether regulations are needed to control the use — and abuse — of the voter-identification databanks assembled by political parties.

Chief electoral officer Marc Mayrand acknowledged Tuesday that technology has enabled politicians to communicate with and engage voters more easily.

But it also has a downside, as the so-called robocall affair has exposed.

Elections Canada has received almost 1,400 complaints from voters who say they received automated calls misdirecting them to polling stations for the 2011 election.

Court documents have revealed that the ongoing investigation appears to centre on

the Ontario riding of Guelph, though the agency has received complaints from voters in 234 of the country's 308 federal ridings.

Mayrand says he'll report to Parliament by the end of March with recommendations on how to improve election law to prevent the abuse of technology, such as automated phone messages. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Windsor. Cash trail trips up alleged thief

Windsor police arrested an alleged thief on Sunday after following a trail of loose change from a cash drawer.

Police were called to a business at around 6:30 a.m. An employee had heard the sound of glass breaking at the front of the building and decided to investigate. When he arrived, he saw a man with a cash drawer from the register. The man ran into the parking lot, got on the employee's bicycle and fled the scene.

The employee tried to chase after him but stopped after being threatened.

A short time later, a witness called to report that they'd seen a man riding a bicycle and hold-



ing a cash drawer. The witness saw the man run into a home

with loose change falling out of the drawer along the way, according to police.

When officers arrived, they found change littering the front of the home. Police were speaking to the homeowner at the front door when another resident emerged to tell officers someone was hiding in a bedroom closet.

Police headed inside and found a man hiding under a sheet in a closet, with the cash drawer in hand.

Donald Meloche, 42, is charged with break-and-enter, theft, uttering threats, possession of stolen property and unlawfully being in a dwelling. **PHOEBE HO/FOR METRO**



Diane Klich, who attempted to cycle across Canada to raise money for children with cancer but broke her collarbone, is undeterred. **ALEXSANDRA SAGAN/FOR METRO**

Hurt cyclist still eager to go that extra mile for kids

Cross-Canada ride.

Woman suffered broken collarbone while raising money for cancer research

Diane Klich was supposed to be cycling another gruelling leg of a 7,000-km journey across Canada today, raising money for children with cancer. Instead, she ended up in hospital after a road accident ended her ride.

While the crash broke her collarbone, her spirit remains intact and she is determined to continue fundraising and eventually finish the trip.

"Me going through one surgery at the age of 37 and my first broken bone is nothing in comparison to what these kids go through," said Klich, her right arm tightly fastened to her chest. "They go through hundreds of treatments and surgeries. Their childhoods are robbed from them."

A newbie cyclist, Klich embarked on the ride with more than 20 others after she realized how cancer has affected so many people in her life. She trained all summer for the 17-day event. But last Friday near Sudbury, two men in her tight travelling pack fell in front of her.

"I knew I was going down," she said. "There wasn't a lot of wiggle room where I was."

She suffered a compound fracture in her collarbone and was forced to return home and await surgery. All this one week before she was due to cross the finish line in Halifax.

Although she was devastated to abandon the once-in-a-lifetime ride, she says she

Race 101

- Thirty-one national riders signed up to bike across Canada from Sept. 5-21.
- The 17-day ride started in White Rock, B.C., and will finish in Halifax.
- National riders cycle relay-style in two teams. Each biker covers about 150 to 250 km of ground daily, depending on the team.

knew she had achieved her primary goal.

"We were out there to raise awareness and we were out there to raise money, and I did both of those things."

Each national rider is responsible for raising \$25,000 for the Coast to Coast Against Cancer Foundation. The organization donates 100 per cent of the proceeds to fund cancer research at Canada's pediatric facilities.

So far, Klich has raised more than \$73,000 and she is not ready to stop. She has organized two "Inside Ride" events at schools in the fall where kids will cycle on stationary bikes. The proceeds will be added to her fundraising total. Next year, she hopes to complete another four-day cycling event for the organization.

There is also the possibility of "finishing" the cross-Canada cycle next summer, she says. Relay racers often join the other riders for shorter portions of the journey. Klich is considering cycling the Barrie-to-Halifax leg next year — the portion her injury derailed her from.

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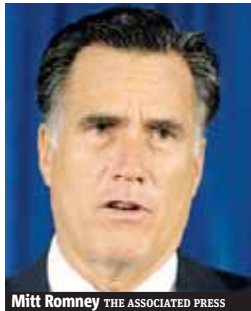
Romney fires back: 'People would like to be paying taxes'

Video leak. Republican explains his remarks about 'dependent' voters, while footage of him claiming Palestinians have no interest in Mideast peace surfaces

Another day, another disaster for Mitt Romney's presidential campaign.

A day after an undercover video that shows him deriding Barack Obama voters as government freeloaders and life-long victims, additional footage of the Republican telling donors that Palestinians "have no interest" in peace with Israel and suggesting that efforts at Mideast peace under his administration would languish surfaced on Tuesday morning.

The video clips were both posted on the website of Moth-



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er Jones magazine. The magazine said they are both from a \$50,000-a-plate fundraiser in Boca Raton, Fla., on May 17.

In the latest clip, Romney said Palestinians are "committed to the destruction and elimination of Israel" and that the prospects for a two-state solution to Mideast peace were dim.

"You hope for some degree of stability, but you recognize that this is going to remain an unsolved problem, and we

kick the ball down the field and hope that ultimately, somehow, something will happen and resolve it," Romney said.

Romney has not addressed his remarks about the Middle East but he appeared on Fox News to try to explain his remarks about the 47 per cent of Americans who don't pay income tax — most of whom because they don't make enough money.

"I do believe that we should have enough jobs and enough take-home pay such that people have the privilege of higher incomes that allow them to be paying taxes," Romney said Tuesday. "I think people would like to be paying taxes."

Not surprisingly, Obama's re-election team pounced.

"It's hard to serve as president for all Americans when you've disdainfully written off half the nation," said Obama campaign manager Jim Messina. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Obama praises WNBA champion as role models

U.S. President Barack Obama pauses as he speaks during a ceremony honouring WNBA champion Minnesota Lynx on Tuesday in the East Room of the White House in Washington. It's been nearly a year since the Lynx won the championship, but the team's visit was delayed by the Summer Olympics and Obama's busy schedule. Obama told team members they are great ambassadors for the game and strong role models for his own daughters. PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2012 presidential race

O'Reilly, Stewart ready to debate

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The host of Fox News Channel's *The O'Reilly Factor* and the anchor of Comedy Central's fake newscast *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart have announced they will clash in the Oct. 6 event, dubbed *The Rumble in the Air-Conditioned Auditorium*.

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Arizona

Judge allows police to question immigration status

A judge has ruled that police in Arizona can immediately start enforcing the most contentious section of the state's immigration law, marking the first time officers can carry out a requirement of questioning the immigration status of those suspected of being in the country illegally while enforcing other laws.

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Tubby time! U.S. obesity stats expected to balloon

The fatty forecast. By 2030, half the people in 39 American states will be obese, two groups predict

He's fat and clearly unfit.

Is the man on the right the face of America in the first half of the 21st century?

He could be, according to experts campaigning against obesity.

They predict that by 2030 more than half the people in 39 U.S. states will be obese — not merely overweight, but obese.

Mississippi is expected to retain its crown as the fattest

Weighty issue

About two-thirds of Americans are overweight now — and that includes the obese, who account for about 36 per cent, figures show.

state in the nation for at least two more decades.

The report predicts 67 per cent of that state's adults will be obese by 2030. That would be an astounding increase from Mississippi's current 35 per cent obesity rate.

The data was released on Tuesday by the Trust for America's Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

The dismal forecast goes beyond the 42 per cent national obesity level that federal health officials project by 2030.

Trust for America's Health officials said their projections are based in part on state-by-state surveys by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from 1999 through 2010.

But their outlook suggests that even in the thinnest state — Colorado, where about one-fifth of residents are obese — 45 per cent are predicted to be obese by 2030. That means that every state would have an obesity rate higher than 44 per cent.

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A dieter? Fat chance. This man walking beside a pool in Brooklyn clearly won't appear in the pages of a fitness magazine. But he may be a common sight in 21st-century America. MARIO TAMA/GETTY IMAGES

Suspect. Does BPA make kids fat? Experts see a link — but can't prove it

A U.S. study suggests a connection between the BPA chemical used in food packaging and childhood obesity.

But researchers say the findings don't prove it's the cause.

While most people have traces of BPA in their bodies, the study found that children with the highest levels were twice as likely to be obese as those with the lowest.

Other factors — unhealthy diet and poor physical activity — could cause obesity, said lead author Dr. Leonardo Trasande of New York Univer-

Bisphenol A

BPA is used to make hard plastics for food and beverage containers and for metal can linings.

- **Fears.** Some experts say it interferes with children's development. Makers of baby bottles have stopped using it.

sity. BPA, or bisphenol A, has been used since the 1960s.

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10 hours in suitcase

Case closed: Cat came back safely

A U.S. woman says the pet cat that sneaked into her luggage for a flight to Florida has returned home to Ohio safely.

Ethel Maze says Bob-Bob the cat spent 10 hours in a suitcase before she opened it last week.

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Ethel Maze holds Bob-Bob, who sneaked into a suitcase she was packing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Protesters mark Occupy anniversary with a melee

Police encircled.

Both sides blame each other as event unravels in violence on Winnipeg's busy Portage Avenue

Police and protesters blamed each other Tuesday for a scuffle that erupted during a march marking the one-year anniversary of the Occupy movement.

One man was arrested and taken to a hospital after police in Winnipeg moved in on Monday evening and quickly found themselves encircled.

There are two versions of what happened next: Protesters say officers got heavy-handed, but a police spokesperson says they were facing an unruly crowd.

"Officers were in the process of taking a male into custody when they were swarmed," Patrol Sgt. Wally

Antoniuk said Tuesday.

"As a result, a Winnipeg Police Service member was physically assaulted. The male police were arresting escaped custody as a result of the assault."

The encounter was partially captured on video by a protester who streamed the event online.

Police are seen asking the protesters, who totalled a few dozen, who their leader was.

They also ordered them to get off Winnipeg's busy Portage Avenue and onto a sidewalk.

As officers started taking one man near the head of the parade into custody, other protesters stood around them.

Police are seen turning their attention to the man accused of shoving the officer. As they lead him to a police cruiser, he goes limp.

Harold Shuster, one of the organizers of the protest, said the man suffered a panic attack. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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"Now, I never saw a Taser. I didn't see anything that would lead me to that conclusion."

Ken Harasym, who videotaped the event, talking about the man who went limp as police moved in.

'Reforms needed'

Deacon backs Pussy Riot trio

Sergei Baranov believes he will never again wear his clerical robes inside a Russian Orthodox Church.

Baranov, a deacon in Tambov, Russia, became a celebrity last month when he asked to be defrocked because he was outraged by the church's stance against the punk band Pussy Riot.

The feminist rockers were sentenced to two years in prison after singing a "punk prayer" against President Vladimir Putin in Moscow's main cathedral.

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Putin's pet peeve. Blow for Obama as U.S. pulls aid agency out of Russia

The United States said Tuesday it's ending the U.S. Agency for International Development's operations in Russia.

The move comes after a Kremlin demand that the aid organization leave the country.

And it deals a blow to U.S. President Barack Obama's policy of "resetting" relations between Washington and Moscow.

State Department spokesperson Victoria Nuland said Russia sent a letter last week saying it did not need Wash-

Aftermath

Marchers admit: No permit

Protesters said the event would have been peaceful had police not intervened.

"I'm trying to understand ... why they chose to become immediately belligerent and try to force us off the street," said Harold Shuster, one of the protest organizers.

Both sides agree the protesters did not have a permit to stage the march down Portage Avenue, one of the city's busiest roads.

"I suppose by the letter of the law (the protest) was illegal because you do need a permit."

"But there have been two other situations where ... people have taken to the street without a permit and where the police have become involved, they have chosen ... the wiser choice, the mediating role," Shuster said.

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"We remain committed to supporting ... the development of a more robust civil society in Russia."

U.S. official Victoria Nuland

ington's help anymore.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has long complained about U.S. democracy and human rights promotion effort. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Fashion for a warzone

She's all dressed up and ready for battle. Spec. Sarah Sutphin adjusts her new body armour while training Tuesday on a firing range in Fort Campbell, Ky. Female soldiers from the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, are field-testing the first army body armour designed to fit women's physiques. It's a necessary preparation for their deployment to Afghanistan this fall. MARK HUMPHREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tears of relief as judge OK's sex-change surgery

A convicted murderer in Massachusetts says a judge's decision to grant her request for sex-reassignment surgery is "the right thing to do."

U.S. District Judge Mark Wolf ruled the surgery is the only adequate treatment for Michelle Kosilek's gender-identity disorder.

The condition, he said, is a "serious medical need."

The ruling marks the first time a judge has ordered prison officials to provide sex-reassignment surgery.

But Wolf's ruling prompted an outcry among some legislative leaders, who say



Convicted killer Robert — now Michelle — Kosilek in 1993.
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Kosilek isn't entitled to the taxpayer-funded surgery.

Kosilek said she cried tears

of relief after learning of the judge's ruling.

Kosilek has waged a decades-long battle to complete the transformation from a man into a woman.

"This is who I am. My essence is female," Kosilek declared.

Kosilek was named Robert when married to Cheryl Kosilek and was convicted of killing her in 1990.

In his ruling, Wolf found that the Department of Correction had violated Kosilek's Eighth Amendment right to adequate medical care.

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Dubai's iconic Burj Khalifa skyscraper — standing more than 828 metres tall with more than 160 storeys — towers over the city's modern skyline. ALI ZAFAR/METRO

Freedom of speech meets Orwellian reproach inside a Middle East newsroom, as Metro copy editor Ali Zafar discovered while working as a reporter for an English-language paper in Dubai

UAE decree widens gulf between news, propaganda



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As a Canadian journalist heading to the Middle East to work for a local newspaper, I expected to face some censorship.

But I got more than I bargained for when I left my post in April as a copy editor for Metro in Toronto to take up a four-month-long stint as a city reporter for the Khaleej Times, an English-language newspaper in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE).

It began with paragraphs of text conspicuously missing from a story I wrote citing reports that the Saudi Grand Mufti, Sheikh Abdulaziz Al al-Shaikh, the highest authority on Islamic affairs in neighbouring Saudi Arabia, called for the destruction of all churches in the Arabian Peninsula, which is where the UAE is located.

"The grand mufti is off limits," one of the editors told me when I approached him with my story in shambles.

I quickly learned that the mufti wasn't the only subject matter I was to never write about.

The UAE's territorial dis-

pute with Iran — located across the Persian Gulf — over the ownership of several islands also led to a clampdown on stories.

Suddenly, we weren't allowed to call the body of water straddling the UAE the Persian Gulf anymore, as it has been referred to for more than 2,000 years.

It's the Arabian Gulf.

And punishment for misusing the term was swift: We'd likely be fired and subsequently deported (everyone in the newsroom at the time was an expatriate). Unfortunately, a web editor who accidentally let the term Persian Gulf pass through on an online story was put on leave without pay.

I didn't see him in the newsroom again.

If getting rid of the online editor didn't drive home the message, an email — written in all caps — sent out by the executive editor (also an expatriate) to the entire newsroom made it clear to "NEVER EVER USE THE PERSIAN GULF. It is always ARABIAN GULF."

The email went on to say that "nothing derogatory about the UAE should be allowed to appear at any cost," in the online comments section of the newspaper.

Reporters were also told to "not write stories that will damage the image of the UAE." I was stunned.

It had only been a bit over a month since my move to Dubai and here I was feeling like Winston from George Orwell's 1984.

I began seeing Dubai in a different light while driving home that day.

Everything had an Orwellian aura to it, from Dubai Ruler Sheikh Mohammed's massive portraits plastered across the city, to the unflinching and often forced love the majority of Emiratis — the locals of the UAE — have for their country's leaders.

This archaic take on freedom of expression sharply contrasts with Dubai's over-the-top modernity, which is characterized by superlatives. The world's biggest mall and tallest building are located in Dubai — not to mention the plethora of glistening skyscrapers rising out of the desert.

But while the city's appearance has launched it well into the 21st century, its lack of freedom of speech leaves a void that makes you wonder if all the glitz is nothing more than a mirage in the sand.



Women walk through one of Old Dubai's many souks, or markets, which sharply contrast with the city's state-of-the-art malls. ALI ZAFAR/METRO

Facts about UAE & Dubai

- While the UAE is conservative compared to the West, it's noticeably more progressive than its neighbour Saudi Arabia. Women are allowed to drive in the UAE and there are several churches and Hindu temples.
- The state religion is Islam, and Arabic is the official language, although you can get by on English and, on many occasions, Urdu or Hindi in the urban centres.
- Alcohol is served in most tourist hotspots, and you often hear the Islamic call to prayer not far from the blaring sound of the many nightclubs in Dubai.
- UAE is composed of seven emirates, or states, with each emirate having its own monarch or sheikh.
- The country was formed on Dec. 2, 1971, by the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, considered to be the founding father of the UAE.



- The latest statistics show the UAE has a population of 8.19 million, with 16.5 per cent, or nearly a million of them, Emiratis — making it a country overtaken by expatriates.
- Although there is no legal dress code in the UAE, there has been a recent push by Emiratis to call for more stringent rules on what's deemed appropriate public attire. It's recommended for women to keep arms covered to the elbows, avoid low-cut tops, and wear skirts below the knee. Men should never be bare-chested on city streets and need to avoid wearing sleeveless shirts. At the beach, however, these rules don't apply as you'll see both men and women in swimwear.
- Public displays of affection are frowned upon, and a kiss on the lips can lead you to the police station. There have been cases of couples being jailed, fined and subsequently deported for kissing in public.

ALI ZAFAR/METRO

Sluggish outlook. Canada's economy has entered 'soft patch': TD Bank forecast

Canada's economy has entered a "soft patch" characterized by a housing correction, below-trend growth and weak job creation, TD Bank says in its latest forecast.

The chartered bank said Tuesday the economy will barely eke out one per cent growth during the current third quarter, which ends Sept. 30, and finish the year with a 1.8 per cent overall advance.

That's three-tenths of a point below the bank's previous projection in June, and also shy of the Bank of Canada's 2.1 per cent target.

TD chief economist Craig Alexander said the revision was necessary because global conditions have deteriorated and the domestic economy is also faring worse than expected, in part because of Ottawa's decision to tighten mortgage rules.

Alexander said Vancouver's housing market was actually cooling before the stricter mortgage rules went into effect July 9, but since then the real impact of the changes has been evident. On Monday, the Canadian Real Estate Association reported August sales of existing homes slipped 5.8 per

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"With no engine firing on all cylinders, economic growth is being held to a meek sub-two per cent rate and the jobless rate is stuck above seven per cent." TD Bank forecast

cent from July and were down 8.9 per cent from a year ago.

"That's what we were anticipating. We were saying that we would probably lose about five percentage points in sales and three percentage points in prices nationally," he said.

Aside from housing, most engines of growth have slowed or retreated in the past few months, led by exports but also including Canada's government sector, which has gone into deficit-reduction mode.

In July, Canada posted a record-high trade deficit, with exports plunging 3.4 per cent in the face of soft demand in the U.S. and the strong dollar that makes Canadian shipments less competitive.

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Retailing giant: Big Beckham statues come to H&M stores

English soccer player David Beckham is heading to a trio of Canadian cities in statue form. The larger-than-life versions of the star — shown here in Hollywood on Friday — will appear as part of a "statue stunt" with H&M at the Eaton Centre in Toronto, the Pacific Centre in Vancouver and inside the Montreal H&M at Peel and Sainte-Catherine streets from Tuesday until Sunday.

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COMMON DECENCY PREFERRED TO EXPLOITATION



**JUST
SAYIN'**
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No doubt you've been breathlessly following the Case of the Duchess's Nipples, in which the Duchess of Cambridge is photographed without her top on, and when the photos are published,

the top of her husband's head blows off.

The heir to the throne of England must be royally PO'd at the exposure of the crown jewels, especially so soon after the exploits of his brother, Prince Harry the Indiscreet, refused to stay in Vegas.

Now again the headlines are dominated by the exposure of royal private bits, although in this case, the bits have been elevated from common to royal status, which doesn't seem to make them any less valuable to the paparazzi and their customers.

The people are divided: Some believe the duchess should keep her shirt on at all times, as befits her stuck-up station. Others think she should be able to let it all hang out while on vacation, at a private villa, hundreds of metres from a public road, without professional Toms peeping at her through powerful telescopic lenses.

Others are amazed that the royals, naked or otherwise, seem to spend an awful lot of time on vacation, underwritten by the long-suffering British taxpayers.

Missing so far is a discussion of William's feelings. We're all about feelings at Just Sayin', so here goes:

Let us remember that William and Harry's mom, Princess Diana, died while being pursued at high speeds by the paparazzi in a Paris traffic tunnel. No wonder he's furious about the invasion of his wife's privacy. It's happening again, and you and I can only imagine the grief and rage he must be feeling right now.

Like his mother, his wife is being turned into a target, a victim, fresh meat for the tabloids. Kate has done nothing to deserve such vulgar treatment — her behaviour as Junior Royal Superstar has been unassailable, and this is what she gets for playing the game.

If you were William, you'd want to make it stop. So it's not surprising he has filed for — and received — an injunction against the publication of the photos, or that he has sued the photographer.

Not that it will do him any good. The best he can hope for is a continuation of the uneasy truce he and his family enjoy with the British media, chastened and weakened as they are by the phone-hacking scandal. But like the shrunken empire, the truce does not extend beyond the English Channel.

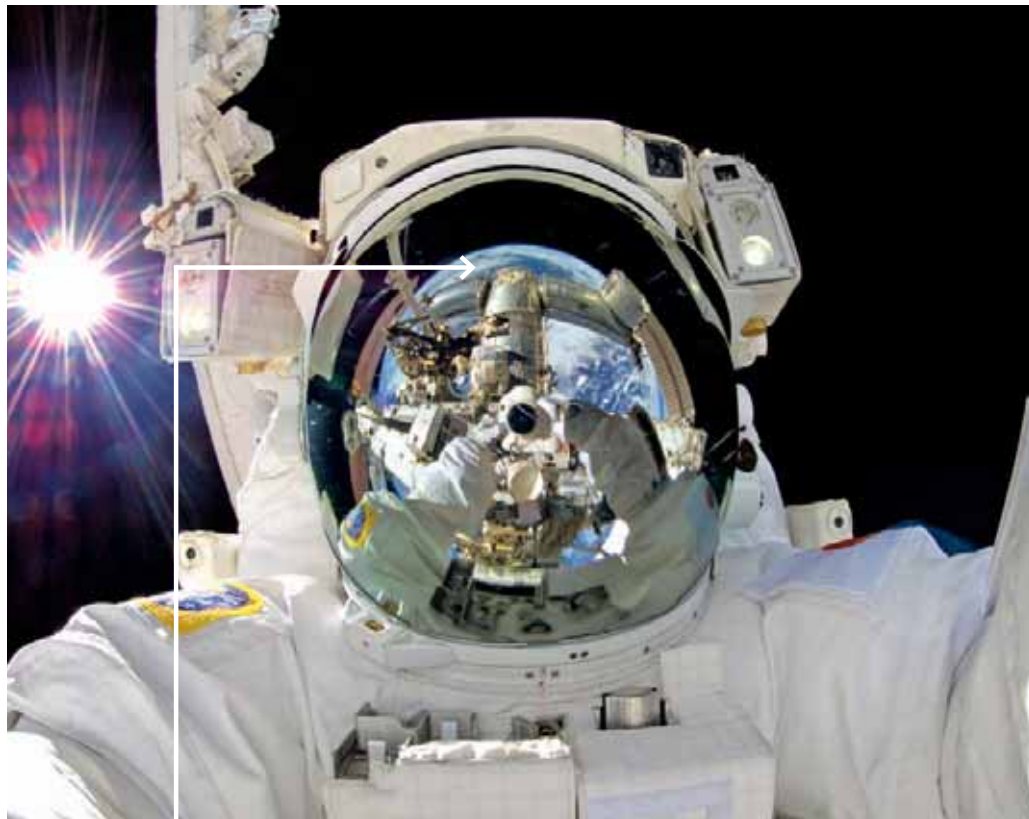
As anyone who reads this column (my family and copy editor?) knows, I'm not a big fan of the Royal Family. Talk about a feudal hangover. But I am a big fan of that endangered species, common decency.

Leave the poor woman and her family alone. Let her adjust her tan lines in peace.



The Duchess of Cambridge is seen visiting Assyakirin Mosque during a Diamond Jubilee tour of the Far East last week. The royals have sued the French magazine that published topless photos of Kate. TIM ROOKE/GETTY IMAGES

Good enough for Facebook?



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'Astro'-gram

Spaceman reflects with self-portrait

Everyone loves to take a self-portrait photograph of themselves, astronauts included. International Space Station astronaut Akihiko Hoshide, from Japan, took this stunning snapshot of himself earlier this month during a six-and-a-half-hour spacewalk outside the ISS. The photo was taken using a Nikon DSLR camera. **METRO**

ISS in numbers

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kilometres was the approximate distance from Earth at which Hoshide took his snapshot on top of the International Space Station. He was travelling at roughly 28,000 kilometres per hour, the orbital speed of the ISS.

ISS maintenance

Toothbrush cleans more than just teeth

For Hoshide and colleague, NASA astronaut Sunita Williams, the spacewalk wasn't just a photograph expedition.

The pair had to properly install some bolts and fix an essential solar-power system, and resorted to some make-shift tools — including an improvised wire cleaner and a ordinary toothbrush — to help get the job done.

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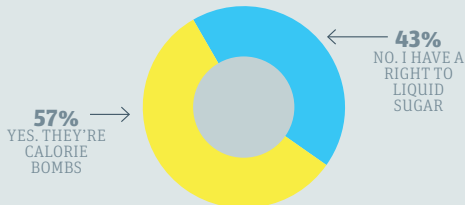
Expedition 32

- Three astronauts arrived safely in remote Kazakhstan after 125 days in space.
- Sunita Williams, who holds the record for the longest spaceflight by a woman (195 days), now in charge at ISS, is the second female commander in ISS history. She will return to Earth in November.



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@zaackelias:

I love watching the bus I need drive away from the stop that I'm supposed to be waiting at..

@lolujegade:

bacon...sigh

@YYouLo_okin:

When im in my car i swear its a private party, i be jamminggggg in my own lil world Lol.

@kathynormandin:

Only things not falling asleep in my class are the prof and my MacBook #UofoProblems

@dfraanklin:

I know exactly how to embarrass myself during every single lecture.

@RachelAM123:

SO MUCH READING ahhh. Snuggles with the cat make it bearable.



Karl Urban stars as the dystopian supercop Judge Dredd in *Dredd 3D*. HANDOUT

Dredd 3D might make you a Belieber

Bloodbath. Gory movie's score stems from Justin Bieber song played 800 times slower

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Based on the cult British comic books, director Pete Travis's go-for-broke big screen bloodbath *Dredd 3D* is set to level theatres this Friday.

Starring Karl Urban (*Doom*, *Lord of the Rings*) as

the titular dystopian supercop, Judge Dredd, shielded by a mask and with full authority to execute evildoers, the film sets up its story like a classic western.

Once Dredd and his rookie sidekick Anderson (Olivia Thirlby) are trapped inside the Peachtree slum by the psychotic drug lord Ma Ma (Lena Headey in a ferocious performance) Dredd must fight for his life by mowing down hundreds of baddies out for his blood.

And though the film is jet black and brutally gory, it is not without its humor says writer Alex Garland (28

Days Later, *Never Let Me Go*).

"There is humor in Dredd," Garland told Metro immediately preceding its Toronto premiere at TIFF.

"He never smiles. But he does crack jokes. How Karl pitches and delivers that joke is the secret of the performance. He takes the piss. He has an ultra bone dry sense of humour."

Bloodshed, black humour and a bigger body count than *Saving Private Ryan* aside, there is a beauty and majesty to the film, a bleak poetry — especially evident in its balletic 3D design —

that is accentuated by a remarkable meditative electronic score by composer Paul Leonard-Morgan.

Surprisingly, that score stems from an unlikely source: Justin Bieber!

"Geoff Barrow from Portishead is a Dredd fan and he and over the years he'd been putting together music he wrote and put it together as an album called Dredd. Dredd is a swear word in the Dredd books. Anyway, when we were done shooting I showed Geoff an early cut of the film, and he pointed me towards this software he found that makes music run

800 times slower, just like the "slo-mo" drug does to its victims in the movie. He sent me a link to a Justin Bieber song slowed down 800 times and it became this stunning trippy choral music. The whole movie was temped to Justin Bieber, in fact. Paul recreated that Bieber music on his own and slowed it down 800 times and we use that in the movie."

To hear that original Bieber temp music, go to YouTube and search "Justin Bieber 800%". And then get out to a theatre to have your mind further blown by *Dredd 3D* this Friday.

'One last job' for Clint Eastwood

Trouble with the Curve. Veteran actor plays common movie character — one who takes one last gig before retirement



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Over the course of dozens of movies, Clint Eastwood has played everything from cops and criminals to journalists and radio announcers to cow-

boys and even an astronaut.

This weekend in *Trouble with the Curve* he's playing a character he's never tried before — sort of.

He's a baseball scout who brings his daughter (Amy Adams) along as he recruits new players. It's his first baseball movie, but it isn't the first time he's played this kind of role — a man on the proverbial one last job.

The person who comes out of retirement, or takes on one last gig before hanging up his or her spurs, is a common movie character.

Blade Runner, *Gone with the Wind*, *The Usual Sus-*

pects and *The Wild Bunch* all feature people going in for one last kick at the can.

In Eastwood's case it's a case of real life paralleling art to an extent. After *Gran Torino*, Eastwood announced his retirement from acting, but was coaxed back for one last acting job by his long time collaborator Robert Lorenz, who makes his directing debut with this movie.

Eastwood's most famous "one last job" film is *Unforgiven*. He plays William Munny, an aging gunman who tried unsuccessfully to go straight and lead a normal life. "I'm just a fella now," he says. "I

ain't no different than anyone else no more."

But when he finds himself broke he saddles up one more time, reluctantly bringing along his old partner Ned (Morgan Freeman) to gun down some bad guys for money. "Just 'cause we're goin' on this killing, that don't mean I'm gonna go back to bein' the way I was. I just need the money, to get a new start for them youngsters."

At the time Eastwood said this would be the last movie that he would both perform in and direct, but has gone on to act in and direct many

more, including the "one last time" movie *Space Cowboys*.

In front of the camera Clint is Frank Corvin, a retired rocket pilot called back into service when NASA finds they have a problem that only he can solve.

He recruits his old compatriots — Tommy Lee Jones, Donald Sutherland and James Garner — for one last journey into space.

NASA offered use of their "vomit comet" plane for the weightless scenes, but Eastwood said no, thinking the older actors couldn't handle the physical stress of zero gravity.

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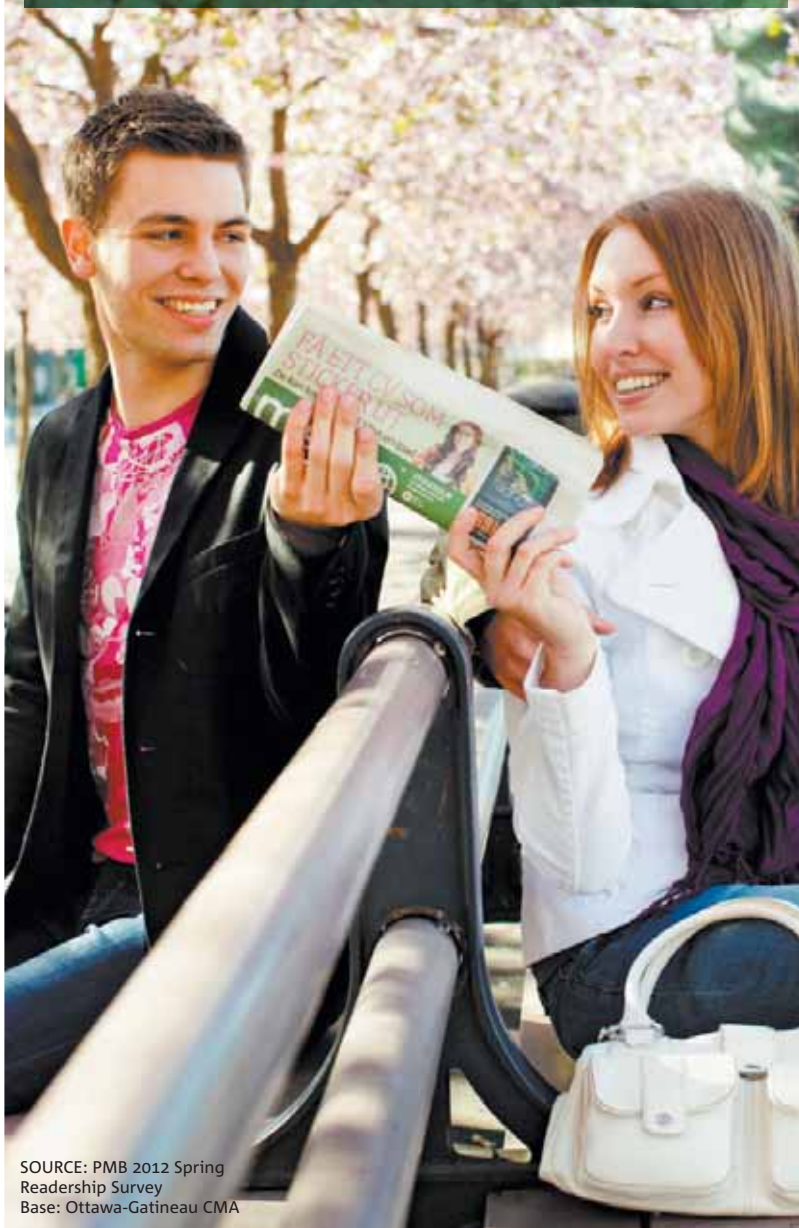
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Enrico Colantoni says that *Flashpoint* has given him lots of opportunity. HANDOUT

Flashpoint looking to go out with a bang

Cop drama. Hit Canadian show, which has seen international success, is entering its final season of production

It's the beginning of the end for CTV's cross-border hit *Flashpoint*.

The celebrated cop show launches its fifth season Thursday with sharpshooter Ed Lane forced to take a heart-wrenching shot that reverberates through the team.

It's a fitting farewell that will bring the homegrown series full circle to its very first, similarly Ed-focused episode, promises writer and co-creator Stephanie Morgenstern.

"There are some things that we set up in the pilot episode that are paying off now, 75 stories later," says Morgenstern, who launched the series with co-creator Mark Ellis on July 11, 2008.

"That's a really satisfying thing. I think it's actually a great gift to be able to know when you're going to end the series — to be able to think of the last season ... as a whole is extraordinary."

The pressure to get this right is big, she admits, if only because the cast and crew have bonded so tightly each feels an obligation to each other, as well as the fans, to salute the series they love.

Co-star Enrico Colantoni, who plays team Sgt. Gregory Parker, chokes back tears when he discusses his final days on set and saying goodbye.

"Parker is the greatest character I've ever gotten to play," says Colantoni, whose co-stars include Amy Jo Johnson as negotiator Jules Callaghan, David Paetkau as sniper Sam Braddock and Sergio Di Zio as explosives expert Spike Scarlatti.

"There's a lot I love and I'm going to miss about this world — as an actor, as a human being."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Big hit

Few Canadian series have managed to deliver the impact of *Flashpoint* — a bona fide hit that proved homegrown fare could be populist, acclaimed and internationally successful all at the same time.

- **Viewers.** When the slick procedural debuted four years ago on CTV and CBS, it drew 1.13 million viewers in Canada and 8.72 million viewers in the United States. It was the first Canadian series since *Due South* to air in network prime time on both sides of the border, paving the way for a wave of other Canadian series to also strike U.S. deals. Although CBS eventually dropped *Flashpoint* from its lineup, the show found a home in more than 100 territories worldwide, including Germany, France and the Netherlands.



Shaun White

White face plants after rough night out

Snowboarder and Olympic gold medalist Shaun White was reportedly arrested for public intoxication in a hotel in Nashville, according to TMZ, though he was briefly hospitalized before heading to jail.

White reportedly trashed his hotel room, and

when hotel staff confronted him, he set off several fire alarms and attempted to flee on foot, eventually falling and sustaining a head injury.

After receiving medical treatment, he was booked on counts of public intoxication and vandalism.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Six shades of possible stars



THE WORD
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Author E L James knows who she wants in the film adaptation of her bonkers-popular 50 Shades trilogy, but she's still not telling. We have a few suggestions:

CHRISTIAN GREY

1. Alexander Skarsgård
Eric the vampire gets my vote to play the billionaire playboy but will he accept the nomination? The role would make Skarsgård a household name, but might be too low-brow for the actor with a serious career.



2. Ian Somerhalder

Yes, another vampire, the one from Vampire Diaries. Somerhalder's name has been thrown around more than most others.

3. Philip Seymour Hoffman

Wildcard!

ANASTASIA STEELE

1. Emma Watson

She can already carry a huge franchise and she's chomping at the bit for more "adult" roles.

2. Anna Kendrick

As witnessed in Up in the Air, Kendrick plays young and vulnerable extremely well. You are the state lottery.

3. Betty White

Just another peg in Betty White's eternal global domination.



Kate Middleton

Royals awarded injunction for topless pics

Kate Middleton and her husband, Prince William, have won their first court victory in the wake of Closer magazine publishing topless photos of Middleton, according to the Guardian.

A French court has ordered an injunction preventing any further use of the images by the publication. The photos must

be handed over within 24 hours, and the magazine's publishing company will be fined \$13,000 a day if it publishes more of them or sends them to a third party. A criminal investigation has been launched to see if the magazine violated William and Kate's privacy by publishing the photos. A guilty verdict could lead to jail time for Closer's editor.

Twitter



@katperry

I can feel the phoenix rising.



@NathanFillion

Never read your reviews. Sage advice. ...well, off to find some reviews.



@CarrieFfischer

Guy who made anti-Islam video is allegedly porn director and former PCP maker. He gives ex-drug dealers a bad name.



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World of wonder

Considering a cruise but not sure which one is right for you? Worried about getting on a ship that caters too much to adults, or too kids? Six days spent aboard the Disney Wonder from Vancouver to San Francisco and Los Angeles proved to be the perfect choice for all age groups, from young families with toddlers to retirees who left their grandchildren at home — on purpose. Here are the best activities families, kids and adults can do on a Disney Cruise Line ship from morning until night.

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Disney characters keep the kids entertained. PHOTOS: HANDOUT



Get some quiet time at the adult pool.



Nightly entertainment gets the family involved.

Children

Morning

Infants and toddlers are welcome at Flounder's Reef Nursery and children between ages three and 10 are treated to crafts, games, dancing, science experiments and face painting in the Oceaneer club or lab.

Adults

Start the day with a relaxing hot stone massage, soothing facial or therapeutic seaweed wrap at the ship's Vista Spa. Discounts on various treatments are offered daily. If watching your waistline is important, the ship's gym features the latest equipment, exercise classes and personal trainers. Prefer the outdoors? There's a track and three laps around the ship equals one mile.

The whole family

It's difficult to focus on pancakes when Mickey, Minnie, Pluto and friends are posing for photos with each guest at their table during the character breakfast. Often the first time children get to meet their favourite Disney character in the flesh, it's a special moment that will create a lasting memory, so don't miss out.

Afternoon

Tweens between the ages of 11 and 14 have their very own hangout called Edge, where they can play video games and learn about animation or how to cook their favourite meals.

Grab a beach towel and settle in on a deck chair at the Quiet Cove Pool, which is for passengers over 18. A private bar for adults is poolside and servers are only too happy to whip up your favourite cocktail. Another popular spot is the Cove Cafe, where you can sip a gourmet coffee while reading a magazine or simply enjoy the ocean view.

Hit the pool deck for a chance to swim while watching a classic Disney movie on a gigantic outdoor television screen. With the kids entertained, parents can relax on a nearby lounge chair or tuck into a good book.

Evening

Night owls between 14 and 17 years old can hang out at Vibe until the wee hours with tons of activities to keep them entertained including Guitar Hero, singing karaoke and trivia games. Movie buffs can head down to the theatre to see films in 3D.

Dining at Palo is worth the splurge. This adults-only restaurant is on the ship's top deck and the menu features scrumptious northern Italian cuisine. Be sure to make a reservation and pack a formal outfit as this meal will be your dining — and perhaps even your cruise — highlight.

From pirate-themed dance parties on deck to award-winning productions in the ship's theatre, the nightly entertainment on board a Disney Cruise Line is a must-do for families. The shows feature popular characters including Peter Pan and Ariel and depict the classic themes that made Disney a household name.

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Beer and wine will be on the menu when the Magic Kingdom's new restaurant opens later this year in Disney's Magic Kingdom

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AUTHENTIC ITALIAN CUISINE IN A COSY MANOTICK SETTING

Soon after opening in 2008, La Piazza quickly earned a reputation for above-average fare and attentive service in a remarkable setting. Located on Main Street in Manotick, the restaurant boasts a large, tree-lined courtyard patio, and a warmly decorated lounge and main dining room. According to owner Frank D'Addario, though, top-quality food is what drives La Piazza's success.

"We prepare authentic Italian cuisine using only fresh ingredients," he says. "Master Chef Sam Montenegro studied in Italy and is adept at preparing dishes



from all of the country's various regions."

The menu reflects this commitment to quality. Alongside standards such as minestrone and stracciatella soups, Caesar

and Caprese salads, the menu includes a number of specialties, such as La Piazza fettuccine — grilled chicken tossed with sun-dried tomatoes, fresh mushrooms and

onions in a homemade pesto sauce. The restaurant also maintains an excellent wine list: Along with a healthy number of Italian labels, the list includes a diverse collection of imported and domestic wines, beers, aperitifs and specialty drinks.

On select summer nights, bands perform on the restaurant's outdoor stage. Most weekends, the lounge also hosts live entertainment.

La Piazza also offers a limousine service. "It's a great final touch," says D'Addario.



INDULGE IN TRADITIONAL ITALIAN FARE AT LA DOLCE VITA

The tastes of the Old World are closer than you think. Beneath Preston Street, down a short flight of stairs, is a trattoria offering the best in traditional, Italian cuisine. This is La Dolce Vita, and it's waiting for you.

Everything La Dolce Vita serves is made fresh, from local ingredients. Tarek, head chef, uses them to conjure truly memorable dishes. "Our calzones are the best in Ottawa," says Jana Traversy, the ristorante's owner. "That's what our guests tell us."

Traversy is a chef herself. She makes

the desserts, including La Dolce Vita's tiramisu, flavoured with espresso, Kahlúa, and rum. Her gluten-free carrot cake is another big hit.

"We have an entire menu of gluten-free dishes," she says. "Including the world's only gluten-free cannoli." For a small charge, La Dolce Vita can make almost anything on its regular menu gluten-free, too.

Hungry yet? There's no better time to visit La Dolce Vita than right now. Soon the ristorante will be part of La Vendemmia, Preston Street's annual tribute

to fall harvests of old. For Traversy, Saturday, Sept. 22 will be a day filled with personal touches.

"From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., we'll be turning the sidewalk out front into a place where we can greet our customers," she says. "We'll be offering free samples of our pizzas, and setting aside space for your kids to play. My son's even showing up with his guitar. He's pretty good — and I'm not just saying that because I'm his mom."

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LA VENDEMMIA 2012: SHORT, SWEET AND BETTER THAN EVER

FESTIVAL RUNS FOR ONE DAY ONLY, ON SEPT. 22

After 15 years of La Vendemmia, organizers of this year's festival decided to take a fresh approach to celebrating the grape harvest, Italian style. This year, Vendemmia (Italian for vintage) runs for one day only, Saturday, Sept. 22, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"This year, we've added a lot more family activities," says Lori Mellor, the executive director of the Preston

Street Business Improvement Association (BIA), the group that has staged the festival annually since 1997. "By compressing everything into a single day — and by involving more merchants — we expect to create a lot more excitement and enjoyment."

A central feature of this year's festival is Meet the merchants: Displays on the sidewalk in front of stores along Preston



Street. Visitors will be able to sample bocconcini cream puffs from Pasticceria Gelateria Italiana, treats from Gelatini Gelato and pizza from the Prescott Tavern, along with other tasty bites. There will be demonstrations of dance by Arthur Murray's Studio, yoga by Moksha Yoga and stand-up comedy by Absolute Comedy. Bridgehead will offer tours of its new coffee-roasting facility. Several businesses will set up stomp stations.

"To make it an authentic La Vendemmia celebration, we want visitors to experience the bare-footed grape stomp," says Mario Giannetti, chair of the Preston BIA.

To further celebrate the traditions at the heart of the festival, there will be an in-depth demonstration of Italian wine-making outside the Adult High School.

Visitors can witness everything from the grape stomp to corking. And a world-renown cooper will demonstrate the craft of building and restoring wine barrels at Preston Hardware.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE:

- A Show 'n Shine featuring rare and expensive automobiles, including vintage American and European cars;
- A free Children's Fun Zone in the parking lot of Adult High School, with an inflatable maze for laser tag, a roller coaster obstacle course and a wizard's castle;
- Horse-drawn-wagon rides along Preston; and
- The Mercato (crafts, artwork, clothing) and Farmers' Market.

"It promises to be wonderful fun for the whole family," says Mellor.

A COOPER COMES TO TOWN

Visitors to La Vendemmia can get a close-up look at the ancient craft of cooperage — the manufacture and restoration of barrels, particularly those used to age wine. Pete Bradford of Carriage House Cooperage in Prince Edward County, Ont., will demonstrate his craft in the parking lot outside Preston Hardware.

La Vendemmia Grape Fest 2012



Preston Street

**Saturday September 22nd
11am - 5pm**



HONOURING THE PAST, BUILDING THE FUTURE

The Preston Street Business Improvement Association (BIA) continues to drive the evolution of Ottawa's Little Italy.

"We believe it's important to have a vision for what the street should be and our members are keen to work together and realize that vision," says Mario Giannetti, chair of the BIA.

That kind of progressive, collaborative attitude was extremely rare when Giannetti became part owner of Preston Hardware in 1973. He and several other merchants, such as Joe Cotroneo of Pub Italia, formed a new organization, the BIA. Two decades later, the BIA boasts more than 190 members and Preston Street has become a bustling, attractive destination that draws people from across the National Capital Region.

The BIA meets once a month, although its several subcommittees and volunteers work daily to beautify, improve and advocate for Preston Street. The BIA is one of the groups behind activities such as the annual Italian Festival and La Vendemmia, and for projects such as the Little Italy archway near Carling Avenue.

The group's lobby efforts convinced the City of Ottawa to install new sidewalks, gardens and streetlights, and add commemorative Italian names to signs for Preston Street (Corso Italia) and Gladstone Avenue (Via Marconi). The group also worked with the city on Postcards from the Piazzas, a series of 15 sculptures along Preston. Created by artist cj fleury, the works incorporate artifacts and ideas provided by local residents and reflect the eclectic nature of the neighbourhood.

"We want to create an integrated, welcoming street, a place that is both beautiful and functional," says Mr. Giannetti. "For a long time, Preston was known mostly for Italian food and the hardware store. Today, the street has a large variety of businesses, services, offices and residences."

Preston Street has evolved into a diversified mix of business, residential and office space.

"Working with the BIA is a pleasure because it enables me to give back to the community that has given me so much," Giannetti says.

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Amid the local food producers of the Byward Market, La Bottega offers an astonishing variety of tasty treats from, and inspired by, Italy. Long familiar to foodies in the National Capital Region, La Bottega continues to attract new customers and expand its offering of products and services, according to owner Rocco Nicastro, Jr.

"We do a good business because we offer top-quality foods and great service at competitive prices in a neighbourhood that seems to get busier every year," he says.

The store's 6,000-square-feet of floor space is home to an incredible array of foods, including more than 200 olive oils, seven varieties of prosciutto and several types of Parmesan cheese. An in-house bakery prepares fresh focaccia, while store shelves have products from nine of the

city's top bakeries. Alongside gourmet and specialty foods, customers will find simple, inexpensive fare, such as pastas, sauces and other edible delights.

La Bottega is much more than a grocer, however; it is also a popular lunch counter, coffee bar, catering business and cooking school. Along with some of the finest sandwiches in the Byward Market, the lunch counter offers fresh pasta and other hot entrées. The coffee bar's commitment to quality earned it Artisti del Gusto status from Illy, the internationally renowned coffee supplier. The catering side handles enough business lunches, corporate events and private parties to keep two trucks on the road full-time. And the cooking school features two chefs, Mario Novati and Michael Cummings, who specialize in traditional and contemporary Italian



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cuisine, respectively.

"I get a great sense of satisfaction when a customer tells me that they loved one of the products we sell," says Nicastro. "I think it runs in the family."

Nicastro's ancestors owned and operated stores in the Italian province of Calabria. His parents carried on the family business after coming to Canada in the 1960s. Back in Italy, cousins and other relatives continue to operate grocery stores. When the original owners of La Bottega — it first opened in 1923 — decided to retire, they insisted that it remain an Italian grocer. Despite offers from other businesses — including at least one fast-food chain — the owners chose members of Ottawa's first family of Italian food.

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Among the many items La Bottega imports directly from producers is Campo di Torri olive oil. This organic, extra-virgin oil comes from a 16-hectare farm nestled in the hills of Tuscany's Arno Valley near Florence. The orchard includes three native varieties of olive trees: Frantoio, Leccino and Moraiolo. The harvest begins in mid-October; the olives are pressed within 12 hours of picking.

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Parque Lage has lots of charm. PHOTOS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



The streets are alive with the sound of Samba.



The Parque Nacional da Tijuca is a popular spot.



The cobblestone streets of old Rio.

Five things to do in Rio de Janeiro that will cost you nada

Travel on the cheap. After years of economic growth in Brazil, Rio de Janeiro has gotten a bit pricey, but some of the best things are still free

Hit the beach

Rio boasts some of the world's most stunning urban beaches. Locals spend much of their free time sunning themselves on these long stretches of white sand, so beach-going makes for great people-watching. Go to Copacabana, Ipanema, Leblon or Praia Vermelha, at the foot of the Sugarloaf Mountain.

Parque Lage and the Famous Statue

About a half-mile away from the also-gorgeous but not free Jardim Botânico, or Botanical

Gardens, Parque Lage has as much charm as its better-known neighbour. Like the Botanical Gardens, this park is a vast green space unfolding from the skirts of the Corcovado mountain, on which Rio's famous Christ the Redeemer statue is perched.

Historic Rio

Rio was once the seat of an empire. Aspects of this history can be seen in a winding walk through the cobblestoned streets that remain downtown. Within a few blocks, you can see the Paco Imperial, or Royal Palace, the home where the Portuguese royal family settled when they fled Europe just ahead of Napoleon's advancing troops, and the Biblioteca Nacional, with a collection that has been growing since 1810.

Samba

Rio's signature percussion-driven rhythm can be heard

in classy indoor music venues, sure, but old-school samba circles can pop up without notice. There are parts of town where musicians traditionally gather, where you can find great samba played the way it was in its origins: outdoors, and free for all. Rua do Ouvidor, or Ouvidor Street in downtown, generally has music on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Pedra do Sal, in the downtown neighbourhood of Saude, has samba circles on Mondays and Fridays.

Parque Nacional Da Tijuca

The most-visited national park in Brazil, this nearly 10,000-square-acre expanse of forest embedded in Rio de Janeiro is what allows this densely populated city to breathe. There are trails of various lengths and levels of difficulty carved through the forest.

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Brooklyn festival a literary draw for book lovers of every kind

Writing hotbed. Authors and bookworms converge on New York borough to celebrate words

The Brooklyn Book Festival, scheduled for Sept. 23 and now in its seventh year, has rapidly become one of the top events of its kind in the United States, with 280 writers taking part, including A-listers like Mary Higgins Clark, and crowds expected to approach 40,000.

The festival's success has earned it comparisons with more established book fairs in places like Los Angeles, Miami, Washington and Austin, Texas, but its buzz is partly due to Brooklyn's latest incarnation as a trendy hotbed of hipsters and artists. The borough is home to many well-known contemporary writers like Martin Amis, Jhumpa Lahiri and Jonathan Safran Foer.

As it does every year, this year's schedule includes some writers with Brooklyn connections, like Colson Whitehead and Paul Auster, who live here; Pete Hamill, who was born in Brooklyn and is receiving an award at the event called Best of Brooklyn, Inc.; and Edwidge Danticat, whose fiction about the Caribbean often portrays the immigrant community in Brooklyn.

But while organizers are proud of the borough's literary prowess, they also stress that "the Brooklyn Book Festival is in no way, shape or form just about Brooklyn," said Johnny Temple, chairman of the Brooklyn Literary Council and head of a Brooklyn publishing house called Akashic Books.

"We go out of our way to ensure the authors we invite appeal to everyone," said Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, one of the festival's founders.

"They include intellectuals as well as authors that have greater mass market appeal and celebrities."

In addition to Higgins Clark and her daughter Carol, who is also a bestselling mystery writer, other authors on the roster range from Terry McMillan and Joyce Carol Oates to Judith Viorst and Sapphire. Celebrities taking part include actor

Tony Danza, whose new book, *I'd Like to Apologize to Every Teacher I Ever Had*, recalls his year teaching at Philadelphia's largest high school, and Jimmie Walker, who starred in the TV sitcom *Good Times* and wrote a memoir called *Dyn-O-Mite*. In a phone interview about his upcoming appearance, Walker said fans who come to his book events love to "talk about the show — they grew up with it."

The festival is also committed to programming that reflects Brooklyn's diversity. Many events have an international flavour or explore serious themes. This year, one session focuses on African novels with child narrators and another features leading Indian writers. Two events honour the 50th anniversary of independence in Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago, with one curated by Jamaica's legendary Calabash literary festival, and the other presented by Trinidad's groundbreaking Bocas literary festival. Another seminar looks at poetry and narratives in light of the Arab Spring, while Isabel Wilkerson will talk about her book, *The Warmth of Other Suns*, about the 20th century migration of African-Americans from the American South to the North. There's also an extensive schedule of children's writers as well as writing workshops.

The festival takes place Sept. 23, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., in and around Brooklyn Borough Hall in downtown Brooklyn, but

Literary legacy

For book lovers who can't make the festival, the borough is a good destination for a literary pilgrimage any time, with a long history of local writers going back to poet Walt Whitman. Whitman worked at a Brooklyn newspaper in the 19th century and his poem *Crossing Brooklyn Ferry* is engraved in a waterfront railing at the foot of Old Fulton Street in Brooklyn's DUMBO section. Brooklyn has a lot of interesting literary spots: W.H. Auden and Carson McCullers lived in a commune at 7 Middagh St., Truman Capote lived at 70 Willow St., and Norman Mailer lived at 142 Columbia Heights. Other residents of Brooklyn at various points included Richard Wright, Marianne Moore, Thomas Wolfe, William Styron, and Arthur Miller.

Greenwich Village or Paris in the 1920s.

"Greenwich Village was the beating heart of literary New York at one time and in a way Greenwich Village moved to Brooklyn," Hughes said. "I know a lot of people hear that and say, 'Oh boy, that sounds like a lot of hype.' But I do think those comparisons are fair. It's sometimes hard to see the big sweep of history when you're in it. And it's fashionable to roll your eyes at it. But

I think it was fashionable in Paris in the '20s to roll your eyes at it, too."

Why do writers move to Brooklyn? Yes, real estate is cheaper than in Manhattan, though the borough has plenty of million-dollar homes and apartments. But it's not just about paying the rent. "It's got the brownstones and the well-preserved streetscapes, many of them from the 19th century that have a real appeal, a sense of small town within the city," said Hughes.

"The neighbourhoods are very distinct from one another. The buildings don't crowd out the sky. There's less clamour. I think those things prove very attractive."

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Having witnessed orangutans in the wilds of Borneo, and Koalas lounging in the trees in Melbourne, Australia, the wildlife in Canada almost seemed a bit tame to me, if you'll pardon the pun. That is, until I embarked on a non-descript little boat tour in a northern B.C. coastal town recently.

As we started out, the guides at Prince Rupert Adventure Tours informed us we may actually see a grizzly bear or two as we departed from quiet Cow Bay. The scene that actually unfolded could not have been more spectacular.

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through the beautiful inside passage, we quickly spotted countless bald eagles and seals frolicking in the surf.

Then, as we edged up to the shoreline in a remote area, things quickly started to resemble a National Geographic TV special.

There, just a few feet away on the sandy beach front was a giant mother grizzly bear calmly crushing clamshells with her powerful jaw, and then happily spitting the shell's contents to her two adorable and playful cubs.

And then, as if on cue, we all noticed a

and edged closer and closer to the mother bear and her cubs as we all watched from our boat in stunned silence.

Then all in one motion, the lone wolf charges the mother grizzly and her cubs, chases them away, and proceeds to steal the newly shelled clam meat left behind.

Our boat guide later told us in 20 years on the tour, he'd never seen a wolf confront a grizzly

bear, and he wasn't surprised the grizzly ran, to protect her cubs.

All of us on this tour felt lucky to have seen something so amazing as we snapped away as many pictures as we could. A few eagles and seals would have been worth the price of admission, but a wolf chasing grizzly bears?

lone wolf slowly creeping up on the oblivious feeding bears. This brazen wolf slowly crossed a river,



Not long into the tour



A mother grizzly and her two cubs were busy crushing clamshells in full view of tourists. DARREN PARKMAN



A brave lone wolf was able to chase a bear family away from a feast of clams. DARREN PARKMAN

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The science of the CV

Engineer a winning resumé. Recruits in this field want to see results, rather than a list of recent jobs

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An effective resumé can make all the difference between landing an interview and getting tossed into the 'no' pile. However, knowing how to write one can be challenging, especially since each industry has different expectations.

If you're an engineering student ready to break into the workforce, check out these tips and tricks from a career advisor and an engineering student.

Show who you are and what you are passionate about

Tanya Gillert, a career advisor at the University of Waterloo, recommends including a brief overview about yourself using bullet points at the top of your resumé.

"Focus on what type of engineering you're apt in," she says, "and highlight not only years of experience and academics, but something unique. For example, achieving a bronze medal after four years on the swim team showcases dedication and commitment," two qualities that employers may be looking for in new engineers.

Emphasize extra-curricular activities

"A lot of engineering students forget that soft skills are actually important... they matter a lot to employers," says Yi-Wei Ang, president of the You're Next Career Network and an Industrial Engineering student at the University of Toronto who has worked at IBM and held leadership positions with a number of engineering-related student organizations.

"It's very common for engineering students to focus solely on their school work because their workload is generally heavier than in other fields," he says. "However, you can be working on your career-building skills from day



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Top 4 quick tips

To summarize, Gillert offers the following quick tips:

- Display your personality and originality through your unique experiences and accomplishments
- Showcase specialties using specific examples
- Be relevant and action-oriented — don't just list tasks or responsibilities
- Change your summary section for every job you apply to

one. Spend some time figuring out what field you want to be in, how you'll get there, and how you can create your personal brand."

One of the best ways to do that is by participating in student groups and other extra-curricular activities and then using that experience to showcase your leadership, teamwork and communication skills.

Demonstrate results

Including specific accomplishments with as much detail as possible is also key, Yi-Wei says. For example, "Created original application for (name of program) using (name of software/tool) for (this purpose)."

Gillert agrees that engineering employers are looking to see results, not simply that you have three years experience at various placements. "Use words like 'increased', 'enhanced' or 'maximized', which show the end result of certain places you worked or projects you were a part of," she says.

Use keywords to strengthen your resumé

Keep in mind that most students or recent grads who are applying for a job will have similar experience and skill sets as you. Instead of using the same words and phrases to apply for every job, use the keywords from each job listing to build a new resumé.

"The biggest tip I can offer is to make sure you look at the job posting closely," Yi-Wei says. "Use your keywords (from the job description) and then highlight specific examples regarding how you've utilized these skill sets."

Gillert also suggests using resources like Google AdWords and LinkedIn to find out what keywords are in high demand, and then match them to your own experience. "On LinkedIn you can type in your field and it'll bring up all the related skills, which gives you all the keywords you need."

To access this feature on LinkedIn, place your mouse over 'More' at the top right of the navigation and click 'Skills & Expertise'.

Show your personality, but don't overdo it

As a future engineer, your resumé doesn't have to be super flashy or visually creative, but there are a few ways to show employers your personality.

Gillert recommends "including examples that really mean something to you, so when you have interviews you can discuss these experiences that you're passionate about."

Yi-Wei echoes this idea: "Cookie cutter resúmes will never help you stand out," he says. "You want to show an employer that you put in effort and tried to make yourself stand out without going too crazy on the layout." At most, use a different style of header at the top of the page.

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Resumé reviewed! So what about some interview intel?

After making it through an intense undergraduate nanotechnology program complete with multiple co-op placements, Laura Burgess has learned how to engineer a great job interview.

In high school, she liked the idea of combining creativity and technical skill to solve complex problems. With a background in math and problem solving, Laura pursued this interest through the University of Waterloo's nanotechnology engineering program.

Burgess set to work learning about every tiny piece of technology, but when it came time to interview for co-op positions, she faced a big challenge. Like most university grads, her experience with job interviews was mainly limited to part-time positions and while her past helped her with the general process of going in and meeting with prospective employers, the content of the actual Q&A period varied dramatically.

Engineering interviews were a whole new ball game.

With help from Waterloo's Co-op and Career Services, Burgess trained up quickly. She learned that the major difference between engineering job interviews and other job inter-



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views is the technical content.

"In an engineering interview, it is common to be asked to solve problems on the spot," she says. "This could be a question or two or a few pages of problems the interviewers want you to work through."

One of the biggest challenges she found when facing engineering interviews was the problem solving portion — it is completely different than any other interview process and it involved complex problems that you can't always prepare for.

"Technical problem solving-type questions are definitely the most challenging," she says. "The rest you can prepare for very easily."

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An eye on engineers

- 206,300 Canadian workers were registered as members of Engineers Canada in 2008, and reports estimate that number has since grown.
- As senior engineers begin to retire, the number of jobs that will be open for new hires each year will be approximately 4004.
- Girl power! Although engineering is notorious for being a boys' club, times are changing. Approximately 1 in 5 engineering students in Canada is female.
- According to Statistics Canada, the job prospects for engineers in the coming years are "good."
- Mining engineers in particular are experiencing the most employment growth (2.5 per cent) and also have the highest average annual salary (\$92,479).
- Conversely, chemical engineers are statistically experiencing the slowest rate of growth. However, Statistics Canada points out that although the chemical engineering industry is moving at a slightly slower pace, there is still a large number of opportunities specifically for new graduates in this field.

A business of bucks

Average annual salaries

- Mechanical engineers: \$71,122
- Civil engineers: \$72,700
- Mining engineers: \$92,479
- All occupations: \$45,157

Hands-on before the year is up

Co-op your way to a career. How to build the foundation of your future in engineering

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Working in a paid position to support the costs of university while gaining relevant work experience to add to your résumé makes co-op programs for engineering a win-win situation.

Alternating work terms with school terms, engineering co-op programs allow engineering students to get into the workplace and experience different roles while working toward earning their degree at the same time.

Why should engineering students do co-op?

Program coordinators and graduates alike are not short on praise for engineering co-op programs.

Sheenagh Brooks, co-op coordinator of civil engineering at the University of British Columbia strongly believes in the co-op program because it gives engineering students a chance to try out different fields before committing to one.

She says classroom education is only paper and theory, but co-op programs allow students to get out into the workplace where they can actually apply it.

"The main thing," Brooks says, "is they think they want to go on this route, but when they get out there and try it they realize (something else) is the type of work they really want to do. It makes them realize what they first wanted to do, they don't really want to do."

Co-op makes it possible to confirm these decisions in a very informed way. It also gives students an opportunity to network and improve upon



The figures are showing that engineering is no longer for boys only. ISTOCK

Careers after co-op

Brooks estimates that about 80 per cent of UBC's co-op students receive offers of employment from the firms they do their co-op with.

- Graduate Will Fulcher considers co-op terms to "have the potential of a four month interview. You are able to make connections and prove yourself through actions and a lot of companies hire students who are able to prove themselves during their co-op."

their interview skills before graduating.

Denver Jermyn, a graduate from the biological engineering co-op program at the University of Guelph, says the greatest benefit of co-op is "gaining experience and

networking contacts before graduating. Most people graduate without any experience in their field at all, whereas I already had 16 months of work experience."

Training

Training in engineering co-op is usually "learn as you go," according to Jermyn, who worked in co-op positions such as a brewing assistant, surveyor for an airport and a consultant for the Canadian Standards Association, providing technical support to carbon management companies in Europe.

"Usually I had a supervisor who would delegate tasks and review all of my work before approving it," he says. "Training was pretty informal most of the time."

Will Fulcher, a graduate from the civil engineering program at the University of Waterloo, completed his co-op in fields such as engineering consulting as a lab technician,

Take this to the bank

It pays to choose the co-op route

- Engineering co-op students at the University of British Columbia earn an average monthly salary of \$2600-\$3500, depending on whether they're at a junior, intermediate or senior level, and which discipline of engineering they are studying.

engineering design as a steel manufacturer, construction management in commercial construction, and engineering management dealing with power generation.

He had similar training experiences: "The co-op programs didn't really have any formal training in my experience, but you acquire a new

Resumé on the run

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Denver Jermyn

Graduate from the biological engineering co-op program at the University of Guelph

set of skills at each one. I found that what you get out of the jobs is up to you. The real benefit is working with people of your profession and learning from them what you can. I find that it is a day to day experience finding tasks and learning how to complete them."

Work/life balance

Participating in co-op will add an extra year to your schooling, making it a five-year degree. The terms are generally four months of work and four months of class, sometimes back-to-back of the same. This means you will always be working or in school, which can be seen as a negative aspect when it comes to your social life and freedom, but definitely a positive one when it comes to your resumé and future career aspirations.

Jermyn says, "Co-op does involve more work, I had to take an extra course for co-op for one semester and then you are always job searching while trying to do school work at the same time, but in my opinion it is totally worth it."

He adds, "For engineering students, up to 12 months of your co-op work can count toward the 48 months of engineering experience you need to become a professional engineer. So that's also a bit of a bonus."

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After my undergrad, I jumped at the opportunity to do a post-grad in copywriting advertising. I survived an intensive eight months of classes, assignments, projects, ad campaigns, presentations, critiques, rejections, praises, and a three-hour long commute every day. With a portfolio in my hand that still needed a lot of work, I was then ushered into the real world to gain some real copywriting experience through internships.

Needless to say, after tightening my belt for eight months with no room for a part-time job in my post-grad boot camp schedule, I did not look forward to another two months of unpaid work. I was grateful that my ex-boss invited me to take back my administrative assistant position while I job/career hunted.



After two months passed working as an administrative assistant, working on my book, meeting with a few agencies for critiques, and applying for many internships, I faced the harsh reality of a burn-out. As a struggling wannabe junior copywriter, it was the scariest feeling to take over my mind. In my post-grad boot camp, we were told that we didn't have time for a burn-out and certainly writer's block was out of the question. You just can't have one because it could spell the end of your career. What career? I couldn't even get an internship!

So two months later, I write about this experience to tell you that even though that moment felt like the end of a dream, it wasn't. I put my pen down and closed my book, but it's only temporary. While my post-grad helped me prepare for a specific career, my undergrad built

the foundation for a career beyond copywriting. The soft and hard skills I learned and developed over the years brought many unexplored paths and unopened doors.

I made it known that instead of hunting for a copywriting internship, I was job hunting for a communications/marketing position. Support arrived beyond just close friends and family. I was really touched to find out how much my previous instructors, professors, co-workers, and employers wanted to help me.

For me, the waiting game is the hardest part of job hunting. It is the part where you relinquish decision-making to other individuals. It is the part where you have no control and no say. I appreciate rejection emails because that frees the pent-up mental energy of not knowing. I still don't have a new job/career that I want, but I at least have one that pays the bills. And I look forward to every new day because every new day is another opportunity to find more opportunities.

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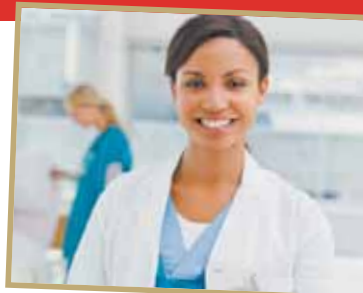
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Cocktails to fall for this season



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September: Blue Crush

You aren't supposed to wear white after Labour Day, but that doesn't mean you have to retire the summer cocktails. It's going to be a long winter, so keep the patio vibe alive with this drink. It's a cousin to the ever-popular mojito, but looks more like the ocean at night.

In Collins glass, muddle small

handful of blueberries with a few mint leaves and lime wedges. Fill with ice, and add:

- 1.25 oz Skyy Vodka
- 0.5 oz Xaica Hibiscus Liqueur
- 2 oz fresh, tart lemonade

Stir drink, and top with splash of dry sparkling wine (about 1.5 oz); garnish with sprig of mint.

ALL DRINKS BY JOE HOWELL, HEAD BARTENDER AT TORONTO'S THE SPOKE CLUB (THESPOKECLUB.COM)

October: The Maple Heist

A sip of this deceptively simple drink, and you might understand why thieves stole \$30 million worth of syrup in August. There's still plenty in stores, though, which is something to be thankful for. And don't let the eggs and syrup combo fool you — we don't encourage drinking this at breakfast. (If egg whites weird you out, omit them.)

- 1.5 oz Gibson's Finest 100th Grey Cup Edition (maple rye whisky)
- 1 oz pure lemon juice
- 0.5 oz maple syrup
- 0.25 oz egg whites

Combine all ingredients in a shaker, and shake without ice. Add scoop of ice and shake again, and strain into a rocks glass. Garnish with cranberries that have macerated in simple or maple syrup.

November: Ginger-Pear Snap

People tend to be a little down about November. Even the hardiest of Canadians are off the patios by now, but look on the bright side: It's whisky weather! It should also be a good time for locally-grown pears. Think globally, drink locally, right? The Wiser's Spiced has a vanilla flavour that goes well with the other flavours here,

and makes for a cocktail that will appeal even to those who shy away from dark liquors.

In shaker, muddle lemon zest with a small pieces of peeled ginger. Fill with ice, add:

- 1 oz Wiser's Spiced Whisky
- 2 oz pure pear juice
- dash of simple syrup

Shake and strain into a Collins glass, and garnish with a slice of ripe pear.

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Forget zucchini bread and get creative

The trouble with late summer's bounty of zucchini isn't in the volume of the vegetable itself. Rather, it is in the lack of creative recipes for using it.

That's what makes Grilled Zucchini Hummus so impressive. Grilling the zucchini and adding a lot of garlic makes it taste insanely good but the best part is its versatility.

It makes a fine sandwich spread or dip for vegetables, crackers or hunks of pita bread. Dumping some over a salad of baby greens and roasted vegetables is also fantastic.

If you don't want to crank up the grill, you also could pop the zucchini under the broiler for a few minutes. Coat the zucchini lightly with cooking spray

or olive oil, then set on the oven's lowest rack. Broil just until very lightly browned.

1. Heat grill to high. Use oil-soaked paper towel held with tongs to lightly oil grill grates.

2. Trim ends from zucchini, then slice in half lengthwise. If seeds are large and watery, use small spoon to scrape out and discard most of the seeds from the centre. If the inside of zucchini appears firm and seeds small, don't scrape them out.

3. Place zucchini on grill, cut side up, then reduce heat to low. Cook 10 minutes, or until lightly browned and starting to get tender. Set aside to cool.

4. When zucchini has cooled enough to handle, place in food processor. Add tahini, garlic, lemon juice, cumin, smoked paprika and salt. Process 1 min., or until smooth.

5. Serve immediately, or chilled. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Ingredients

- 1 large zucchini (about 1 lb)
- 1/4 cup roasted tahini (sesame seed butter)
- 3 to 4 cloves garlic
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tsp cumin
- 1 tsp smoked paprika
- 1/2 tsp kosher salt



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Push the boundaries and try these five mind-blowing activities. We call it pure sensory overload.

DISCOVERY: WHITE WATER RAFTING

There is nothing like the feeling of plunging into wild rapids on a raft, paddling as hard as you can while cold water sprays up around you.

"It's fun, fast and furious," is how one visitor described the Nahanni River in the Northwest Territories as it rushes 322 kilometres through a deep river canyon. The mountain peaks and landscapes along the way are spectacular and include caves, hot springs and mist zones. You may see moose, mountain goats, bald eagles and bears. And one breathtaking stop is Virginia Falls, where the river cascades down cliffs that are almost twice the height of Niagara Falls.

HEIGHTENED EXPERIENCE: RIDE THE BEST ROLLER-COASTER

The X2 wing-shaped roller-coaster at Six Flags Magic Mountain in California

zooms around at more than 20 storeys high at speeds sometimes approaching 129 kilometres per hour. All the while the seats, which extend off the track, rotate riders head over heels, forward and backwards. The train climbs to an extreme height while riders face the wrong direction, then it falls in reverse — all to a blistering rock soundtrack and flame-throwers bursting overhead.

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"Free-falling is a combination of sheer excitement and crazed amazement at viewing the world from the sky."

PUSHING BOUNDARIES: DIVE INTO A BLOWHOLE

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Jays' Escobar gets 3-game ban for homophobic slur

MLB. 'It was just a joke,' says apologetic shortstop, of message written under eyes

Blue Jays shortstop Yunel Escobar apologized Tuesday for playing a recent game with a homophobic slur written in Spanish under his eyes, an action that resulted in a three-game suspension.

Several pictures posted online showed Escobar with the message written on his eye-black stickers, which are often worn under the eyes to reduce the sun's glare.

The team announced the suspension after Escobar and team officials met with representatives from Major League Baseball and the Major League Players Association. Escobar, flanked by general manager Alex Anthopoulos and manager John Farrell at an afternoon news conference, apologized for his actions.

"Honestly, it's been a terrible experience in my life and career," Escobar said through a translator. "It's something I'm sorry for and something I won't do again."

Escobar had written under his eyes "TU ERE MARICON,"



Jays manager John Farrell, left, and coach Luis Rivera, centre, listen to Yunel Escobar at a news conference at Yankee Stadium in New York on Tuesday. KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

which can be translated as "You are a faggot."

The player said he was embarrassed by his actions.

"It was just a joke," Escobar said through the interpreter. "It was my idea but it wasn't directed at anyone in particular."

Escobar said he has friends who are gay and has nothing

against homosexuals.

"What came out through all of this is the lack of education," said Anthopoulos. "It's not just an issue in sports it's an issue in life.... It's clear the problem isn't going away and this is just an example of it."

His forfeited salary will go to You Can Play and the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Def-

amation.

Escobar will also participate in a sensitivity training program in accordance with the team and MLB.

Farrell said Escobar often writes messages on his eye-black stickers, so others in the clubhouse didn't really notice it.

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Baseball in Buffalo

Bridging the triple-A gap

The Blue Jays have moved their most important farm team a lot closer to home.

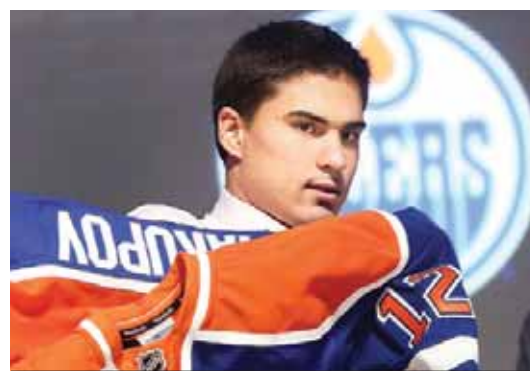
Confirming speculation that had been swirling for months, the Jays announced Tuesday they have moved their triple-A minor-league affiliate from Las Vegas to Buffalo.

The club signed a two-year deal with the Buffalo Bisons of the International League, ending their four-year pact with the Las Vegas 51s of the Pacific League.

"From a baseball point of view, this is a great fit for our organization. With only 160 kilometres separating the two fields, we will have greater flexibility to make roster decisions and an increased opportunity to watch our most developed prospects," GM Alex Anthopoulos said in a written release. "We look forward to providing the Bisons with an exciting and talented roster."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

KHL acceptance not a given for top talent



Without a transfer card, Nail Yakupov, the Edmonton Oilers' No. 1 draft pick in 2012, has been denied entry into the KHL. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Locked-out NHLers making their exodus to Russia and its wads of easy money hit their first road block on Tuesday: Transfer cards.

The IIHF failed to issue a transfer card to Russian Nail Yakupov, the Edmonton Oilers' first overall pick in the 2012 draft and a member of the Sarnia Sting, so he could play with Neftekhimik of the KHL.

"The IIHF is not allowing Yakupov to play. The transfer card has not been sent from Switzerland (the IIHF headquarters)," Neftekhimik director Rafik Yakubov told Sovetsky Sport.

An IIHF transfer card is

needed for any player participating in any tournament under the IIHF umbrella.

While Yakupov's debut in the KHL may only be delayed by what sounded like red tape, other NHLers may face the same problem now that they have begun their journey across the Atlantic.

There didn't seem to be any issues with Ilya Kovalchuk, who signed with SKA St. Petersburg. Kovalchuk, who inked a record 15-year \$100 million contract with the New Jersey Devils in 2010, was expected to make close to \$8 million in St. Petersburg if he plays the full season for SKA. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Returning home

Alex Ovechkin is expected to sign a lucrative deal with Moscow Dynamo, a coup for the ambitious Kontinental Hockey League.

- Formed three years ago with the help of Russian President Vladimir Putin, the league has jumped at the chance to recruit some of the world's best players, hoping it would help the fast-growing league emerge from the shadows of the NHL.

Mobile sports



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After a remarkable year on the links, world No. 1 Rory McIlroy is now "a marked man." "He's right now the present day Tiger Woods," said tour veteran Jim Furyk ahead of this week's Tour Championship.

NBA

"I don't know if I'm the face of the franchise just yet.... I'm just trying to get to know the guys."

Rockets guard Jeremy Lin who drew a horde of media for his first workout in Houston on Tuesday, evidence that Linsanity has plenty of life left in it.



NFL

Bills' castoff Young 'needs a job'

Six years after entering the NFL, Vince Young finds himself without a team and with just a fraction of the money he received from a contract that guaranteed him \$26 million.

In an increasingly caustic war of words, attorneys have

been arguing for months over whether Young is an out-of-control spender or simply a victim of inexperienced advisers. The quarterback whose future once seemed unlimited is now in a tenuous financial condition.

"I would just say that Vince needs a job," said Trey Dolezal, Young's attorney, when asked to give a general assessment of his client's finances. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Vince Young was cut by the Buffalo Bills, his third NFL team, in August. GETTY IMAGES FILE

NHL

Panthers start laying-off staff

The Florida Panthers announced the layoffs of an unknown number of staff members Tuesday, only the third full day of the NHL's lockout. The Ottawa Senators have also announced cuts to team staff. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Cargo

Cargo capacity with either the rear seats in place or folded flat is somewhat less than allroads of old and is also less than what's offered by direct competitors.

If you're wondering about the price paid for being smaller, you're looking at it.



A look at the allroad's rear.

2013 Audi allroad

- **Type:** Four-door, all-wheel-drive wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.0-litre DOHC I4 (211).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 10.4/7.4.
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** \$47,100.

Heavy on style

The allroad of today is a very handsome piece of work — arguably one of the best proportioned wagons on the market — from any angle.

The cats-eye-style headlight lenses stand guard over one of Audi's more massive grilles. As well, the darkened cladding extending along the sides and the lower portion of the rear bumper

neatly contrast with the body colour. The standard 18-inch wheels (19-inches are optional) fill the allroad's wheel arches almost to the brim. Ground clearance is 18 centimetres, which is 3.8 centimetres more than the outgoing A4 Avant.

That's certainly enough for more "allroad" conditions, but the car's real advantage is the permanently engaged all-wheel-drive.

Review. Same purpose as before, just in a totally different car

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Nostalgia ain't what it used to be — or so the saying goes — and that applies to Audi's 2013 allroad wagon that returns following an eight-model-year absence.

A lot has changed in the interim what with today's push to improve fuel performance and the subsequent powerplant downsizing by virtually every automaker. And so it is that the allroad (for some reason Audi doesn't capitalize it as a proper noun) re-enters the marketplace with the same degree of go-anywhere, all-wheel-drive Quattro swagger as before, but with a mere 211-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine at its disposal.

Previous allroads offered a base 250-horsepower turbo V6, or 300 horses worth of optional

V8 to play with, along with a sorry-about-that concern toward fuel consumption.

Ah, but we're heading into 2013, where less is nearly always more, thanks to gigabytes of technological advancements.

For example, Audi states that the allroad (replacing the 2012 A4 Avant wagon) will accelerate to 100 km/h from rest in 6.7 seconds, much quicker than the V6 version circa 2005. The new model is also about 135 kilograms lighter and is rated at 10.4 l/100 km in the city and 7.4 on the highway, which is a darn sight better than the 14.8/9.4 rating that the last V6 allroad was tagged with.

Assisting in reducing consumption and maximizing overall performance is a standard eight-speed automatic transmission with manual shift controls.

The trim levels offer plenty of luxury options, but no matter how you outfit your allroad, the wagon's inspiring looks, performance and fuel efficiency will never have you longing for the nostalgia of the good ol' days.



The 18-inch wheels leave little fender-clip gap, which is a nice design touch. Despite its capabilities, the allroad thankfully doesn't have a jacked-up off-roader look.



Audis are all about giant look-at-me grilles and LED headlight accents.

By comparison



1 Volvo XC70
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2 Subaru Outback
Base price: \$30,100



3 Mercedes-Benz E-class
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2007 to 2009
Saturn Aura

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Saturn launched the Aura just a few years ahead of their demise as a brand. The mid-sized sedan was highly rated by owners and reviewers alike — thanks in part to riding a European-designed Opel platform and offering great ride quality and handling reflexes.

Higher-end XR models got a premium audio system, automatic climate control, leather-wrapped surfaces, OnStar, satellite radio, remote start and plenty more. All Aura models got an automatic transmission and were front-wheel drive.

Common Issues

A clunking or grinding sound, or a rough sensation while steering, could indicate a well-known problem with a steering shaft.

A dealership performing a pre-purchase inspection will be familiar with the problem and how to check for its presence. Listen for any squealing or 'clicking' sounds during steering at low speeds, which could also reference this issue.

Ensure the electronic keyfobs lock and unlock the doors as expected, and note any 'check engine' or 'airbag' lights that may be present in the instrument cluster. Also, double-check for proper operation of the stereo, satellite radio, and OnStar systems.

Feel the Aura's brakes for signs of pulsation during moderate brake application, which could indicate warped brake rotors.



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Engine



Four or six-cylinder engines were available, as was a hybrid-powered variant, which should typically be avoided.

What Owners Like



Many owners report a quiet, solid and smooth ride, premium driving feel, good overall design and good fuel mileage. Styling is rated highly on all models, too.

What Owners Dislike



Some Aura owners wish for more comfortable seats, a rear-seat arm-rest, more at-hand storage and bigger cupholders.

Verdict

Most of Aura's commonly-reported issues seem fairly easy to detect and repair. Standard (non-hybrid) power-trains look to be solid and reliable, too. A well-maintained four-cylinder model will be your least-expensive bet to purchase and maintain.

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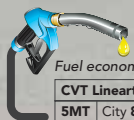
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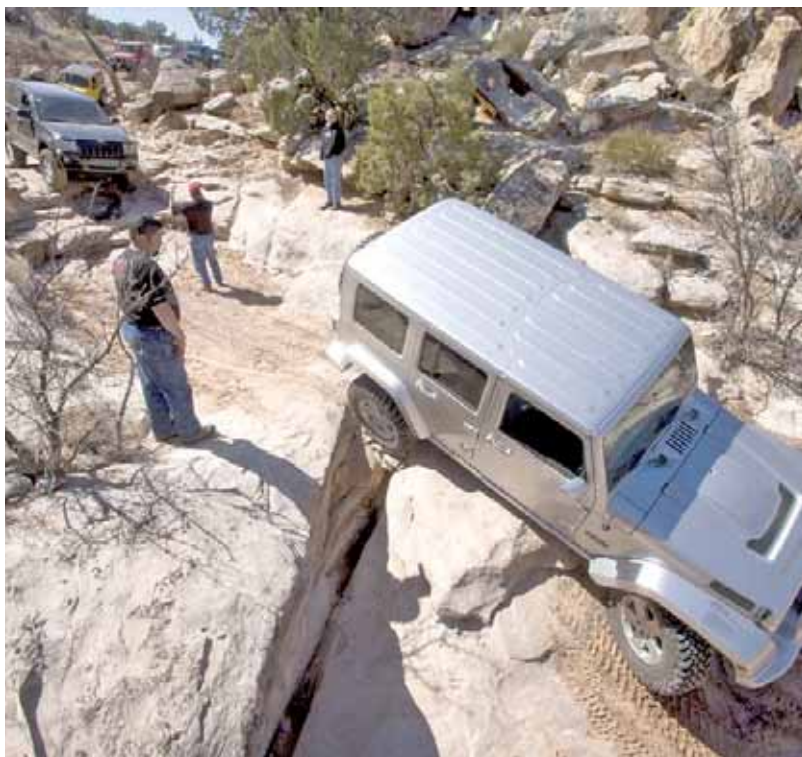


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Auto Know. Letting it all hang out in an abyss of rocks and smashed off-roaders to prove just one point...

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Automakers test their vehicles in all sorts of climates and conditions to prove their worth and to get some publicity. When Dodge, Chevrolet or Nissan claim a quick lap at the Nürburgring race circuit in Germany, YouTube is buzzing with views of the videos. Of course, because it's an old and storied proving ground and the world's yardstick of speed.

But there's a proving ground that's older. Much older, actually. At 300 million years and counting, the Rubicon Trail quite literally rocks on.

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The Rubicon Trail has been a challenge to humans for hundreds of years. In recent times it has also become an extreme test of endurance for machinery.

Rigorous testing is an important step that car companies take to ensure their products are able to perform as claimed. Virtually all manufacturers have extensive laboratories and facilities that allow their engineers and designers to see if their latest concepts will work as well as they appear on their computerized drawing boards. Carefully controlled and monitored tests allow for a thorough scrutiny of engines, suspension systems and brakes, as well as other critical components before any approval for mass production.

But testing conducted out in the real world — the really rugged world, that is — is just as important to manufacturers as their own in-house experiments. That's why fleets of prototypes are wrung out in the brutally cold winters of Northern Ontario as well as in the pavement-melting summer heat of the American southwest. Vehicles that can survive both extremes usually provide the kind of fail-safe performance that is expected of today's modern automobile.

For Chrysler's Jeep division, the final hurdle that extreme four-wheel-drive machines must cross is a stretch of rugged landscape known as the Rubicon Trail. The route begins a short distance north of



Sacramento, Calif., and runs eastward through the Sierra Nevada mountain range until it reaches the western edge of Lake Tahoe near the California-Nevada border.

Although the Rubicon Trail winds for 22 miles (35 kilometres) through the protected areas of the Eldorado National Forest, it is most definitely not a walk — or drive — in the park. The mountainous region is considered to be the ultimate 4x4 challenge. Survive this excursion, and both you and your off-road motorized backpack have accomplished an incredible feat.

Conquering the Rubicon was first accomplished by local Indian tribes hundreds of years before any settlers arrived. The area was first surveyed in 1844 and became a route frequented by fur traders and miners shortly after.

But what put the Rubicon on the map was the discovery of a mineral springs in the area. This led not only to a thriving bottling and exporting business, but also brought in visitors looking to cure their various ailments. This eventually led to the construction of a hotel at Rubicon Springs. But by the 1920s, this once-flourishing attraction had lost its appeal and was eventually abandoned.

Back then, just like today, travellers heading into the Rubicon valley were forced to endure one of the harshest and most unpredictable trails around. Each spring and summer, the retreating ice and snow from the Sierra Nevada significantly alters the man-made path, moving rocks and boulders, creating washouts from streams that become torrents due to the mountain run-off and generally creating a new set of obstacles for the back-country set to overcome.

However, one generation's

hardship is another's pleasure. Since 1953, the Jeep Jamboree, made of a collection of hardy, modern-day fun-seekers, has taken its four-wheel-drive vehicles along the Rubicon Trail on a once-a-year motorized camp-out and rite of passage. The advantage of travelling convoy-style is that someone is always around to help ... or to help get more help.

Aside from this group, numerous motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle riders hit the trail, particularly on weekends during the summer months (the Rubicon is closed to vehicular traffic during the winter) when the area is swarming with prospective conquerors.

Part of the Rubicon's nature is that the trail is apt to rear up and bite at the first opportunity. Many an undercarriage has been damaged, bodywork smashed and kidneys bruised in the attempt to tame what passes for a trail. Nothing larger than the current-model Jeep Wrangler series is recommended for the Rubicon and anyone ignoring this advice usually winds up with some expensive and warranty-voiding damage by the time they make it to the end of the trail at Lake Tahoe (if they complete it at all).

Jeep-sponsored Jamborees take place throughout the United States and Canada each year.

These events have been an excellent marketing tool for the company to demonstrate the strength of its products and to stay connected with what it hopes will be a loyal base of customers.

With breathtaking mountain scenery and equally breathtaking moments attempting to traverse a variety of naturally-produced obstacles, the Rubicon Trail provides one of the greatest all-time off-roading thrills to be found anywhere.

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F-250: For work, play and relaxing

Dream truck. As rugged and powerful as they come, the Super Duty also has a comfortable, quiet side

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With a price tag approaching \$75,000, a loaded-up Ford F-250 Super Duty Lariat is priced similarly to a high-end luxury sedan. But, unlike said luxury sedan, it's a potent, purpose-built workhorse with the torque output of a nuclear submarine and a grille as big as a freightliner.

Opt for the \$9,950 Powerstroke diesel engine, and you get 6.7 litres of displacement, 8 cylinders, 400 horsepower, 800 lb.-ft of torque, and tens of thousands of pounds of towing capacity. Here's a machine unquestionably engineered for feats of diesel-powered strength.

Of course, you won't use all of that capability, all of the time. And when that's the case, you'll be happy

Specs

2012 F-250 Super Duty 4x4 Crew Cab Long Bed

- **Engine:** Powerstroke 6.7-litre turbodiesel V8.
- **Drivetrain:** Four-wheel drive.
- **Observed Average Mileage:** 17 l/100 km.
- **Transmission:** Automatic with manual mode.
- **Features:** Backup camera,

heated and chilled seats, navigation, automatic climate control, Ford Sync, premium audio.

- **What's Hot:** Feels solid, safe and powerful, remarkably refined engine, heaps of torque, feature content fitting of a luxury car.
- **What's Not:** Difficult to park, requires a good spot to enter.
- **Price as Tested:** \$74,609.

at how much like a luxury sedan the Super Duty Lariat actually is.

Whether hauling a trailer full of pavers or enjoying a road trip with the guys, Super Duty is well set up for a peaceful, laid-back drive.

The smooth leather seats are motorized, heated, chilled, and offer up a memory function for instant access to that ideal driving position. Power-adjustable pedals help here, too. And while travelling the open road in peace and quiet with

a view typically enjoyed by transport truckers, automatic climate control and lights self-activate and self-adjust for 'set it and forget it' operation.

Steering wheel controls allow for distraction-free manipulation of numerous vehicle functions, and the Ford Sync infotainment hub responds to voice commands and can spit out a weather forecast, find a pizza joint or even call up your favourite Kenny Loggins playlist. And with full multimedia con-



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Who's up for some Kenny Loggins on the stereo?

nectivity, Kenny's serenades can be called into action whether they reside on a CD, USB drive, iPod, or Bluetooth-equipped cellphone. Potent stereo, too.

The PowerStroke engine is a mild-mannered monster: quiet enough to leave running while ordering drive-thru and smooth as glass, even while plowing occupants into their seats while passing. It'll glide the F-250 through traffic without breaking 1,300 r.p.m., too.

Even at full throttle, it barely makes a peep. This is world-class engineering employed in the name of torque

output galore.

Back in the day, exhaust emissions of diesel trucks like this could be harvested for chemical warfare. Today, the new 'clean' diesel runs with no smell or soot.

It's a functional beast, too. Numerous power outlets and cupholders are within easy reach, rear seats are massive and big-guy friendly, and storage abounds for smaller items. Your disorganized correspondent loved the dual door-storage shelves, centre mounted pockets and dash tray.

Extra points for the back-camera and dual-angle

side mirrors, which help make parking less intimidating. Factory remote start tied into the air-conditioned seats and climate control was a welcomed feature, too. The list goes on.

It all adds up to an atmosphere conducive to laid-back relaxation and socialization with your passengers.

The F-250 Lariat is an easygoing, high-tech and comfortable rig to live with as your day-to-day ride — as well as a towing tool or hauling companion.

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British cars are delightfully different

Autopilot



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Do English cars make you “chuffed to bits” or do they make you “throw a wobbly?”

If you're like most car enthusiasts, it's probably both and that's likely the predominant pull of English cars. No other country has produced such a diverse array of vehicles to behold, and such a number of “quirky” ones, which can be simultaneously loved and hated at the same time.

That was my thought, at least, last Sunday, when I found myself at yet another British Car Day at Ontario's Bronte Creek Provincial Park (situated about halfway between Oakville and Burlington). It's billed as the largest one-day all-British car show on the continent, and on that point you'll get no argument from me.

By my reckoning there were at least 1,000 examples of Anglo iron on the park's



British Car Day at Bronte Creek Provincial Park in Ontario welcomes lovely roadsters, like the Triumph TR3, and “others” like the Unicar and the Mini Pickup — as long as they're British. CONTRIBUTED

grassy fields — everything from Rolls Royce to Austin to Lotus to Allard to MG to Land Rover to Morris to DeLorean to Jowett to Triumph to... well you get the idea.

But after a full day of enjoying the diversity and contradictions, I drove home with the nagging question: What is it about the English (and by extension the English auto industry) that made them go this way, to try so many different and won-

derful tacks on the vehicle form?

I have my own theories but thought I should pick the brain of a Kevin “Crash” Corrigan, a fellow auto scribe who happens to be very British. Not sure where he exactly hails from in Britain, but my guess would be somewhere around Monty Python.

Anyways, we both believe a large part of it comes from the British tendency to “tin-

ker” and to not leave well enough alone, to work away happily on something alone, or in small groups. This manifests itself in the large automotive “cottage industry” in England, past and present, where small firms populate the landscape, and provide a wide array of kit cars, repli-cars, specialty cars, exotics, racing cars, etc.

It seems everyone in Britain with an automotive vision will inevitably “have a

go” at some point, trying to make their vision a manufacturing reality. Sometimes they work out brilliantly and for the long haul, like Jaguar, Lotus and McLaren, and sometimes they don't, like Apollo, Bond, Falcon, Guyson, Marcos, Sheen, Unicar, and so on. Either way it's win-win for people that love cars.

Crash suggested that this type of auto entrepreneur, possibly a “milkman with

passion to create a car,” is a less common sight in the North American industry, which seems populated more by “the industrialist type.”

I'm sure there are other reasons the English industry developed the way it did, but we're out of time.

Crash has to find a larger amp fuse to put in the Land Rover, and I have to slide another drip tray under the Jaguar.

Discs versus drums: Which brakes are the best?

Driving Force.

Both utilize friction, but the newer option may be the better one

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Although the basic principles of car brakes haven't changed in more than a century, there have been steady improvements ever since. One of the more recent is the adoption of four-wheel disc brakes on many less-expensive models, replacing drum brakes on the rear wheels.

“The primary benefit to drum brakes is in the cost,” says Michael Ricciuto, national manager of product and strategic planning for Hyundai Canada. “Drum brakes are fairly inexpensive to manufacture, but they heat up very quickly.”

Disc brakes use metal rotors, which are located behind the wheels, and which turn with them. Over each disc is a metal bracket, called a caliper, which holds two brake pads, one for each side of the rotor. When you press

Brakes talk

- Since brakes work by friction, the pads eventually wear down. Replacing them as soon as they are needed will reduce the risk of more expensive brake repairs.
- Have your brakes checked any time they make a grinding or squealing sound, or a continuous squeaking noise that goes

away when you press the brake pedal. Also have them checked if the pedal goes closer to the floor than usual, or if the car pulls to one side when braking.

- High-performance brake discs often have holes or grooves cut into the rotors, to dissipate heat even faster.

the brake pedal, the caliper squeezes the pads against the rotor, slowing and then stopping it. (Imagine putting a pencil through the hole of a CD, spinning the disc, and then grabbing it with your fingers to stop it: that's how disc brakes work.)

Drum brakes also use friction to stop the vehicle, but they have heavy metal drums that turn with the wheels, with internal pads that push out against them to stop them from spinning. Because they're enclosed, they tend to hold friction heat, which can reduce their performance if they get too hot. All modern vehicles have disc brakes on the front

wheels, which do about 70 per cent of the vehicle's total braking, but the rear wheels can have discs or drums, depending on the model.

“With drums, you're limited to the surface area you have to stop the car,” Ricciuto says.

“There are two sides to the disc, so you double your surface area, plus you can make the disc bigger and increase the size of your pads.

“We put (four) disc brakes on our Accent, our entry-level car, because the braking is more linear and progressive, and has a much more natural feedback. For us, the overall performance is important.”



Disc brakes on a 2013 Hyundai Genesis Coupe; the brake disc is located behind the wheel. HYUNDAI CANADA

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

No matter how good the deal you are being offered, you must think twice about it. In fact, the more others say it is an opportunity that is too good to miss, the more likely it is they're trying to trick you.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You can either go along with what other people expect of you, merely to keep them happy, or you can do what your conscience tells you is right, even though it might put friendships at risk. Only you can decide.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You are torn between doing what you know to be right and doing what others expect you to do. Only you can decide which route to take, but maybe just this once you should be a bit selfish.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

The higher you climb, the more it will hurt if you fall. So, don't take anything for granted and don't take risks that can easily be avoided. Actions always have consequences, so wise up and go with the odds.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You may wish you were somewhere else at the moment but you're not. You are where you are, and you have no choice but to see through what has been started. Be brave. It won't be as bad as you fear.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Your plans seem a bit vague at the moment but maybe that's no bad thing. Travel and social activities are likely to suffer from last minute setbacks today, but if you expect them they won't annoy you so much.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You would be wise not to make any decisions about what you own and what you earn. Things are unlikely to be as bad as they seem, so calm down and keep telling yourself that better days are coming soon.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Try not to be too pushy today because other people are unlikely to stand for it. Uranus, planet of changes, at odds with your ruler Pluto means that upheavals are inevitable. But who says they won't be good?

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You won't be much in the mood for socializing today. Don't let your friends persuade you that getting out and about will do you good, because it won't. Curl up on the sofa with a good book for company.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Even best friends have days when they don't get along and with major planets in discordant positions right now, there may be harsh words. Take none of it seriously.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You may think that a change of direction is what you need but you are advised not to make any moves yet because the planets are playing havoc with your ability to think straight. Minor adjustments only please.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Because you are bored, you may go over the top and do something outrageous. The consequences could be anything but amusing. Give yourself a challenge but make it one where you don't have to interact with other people.

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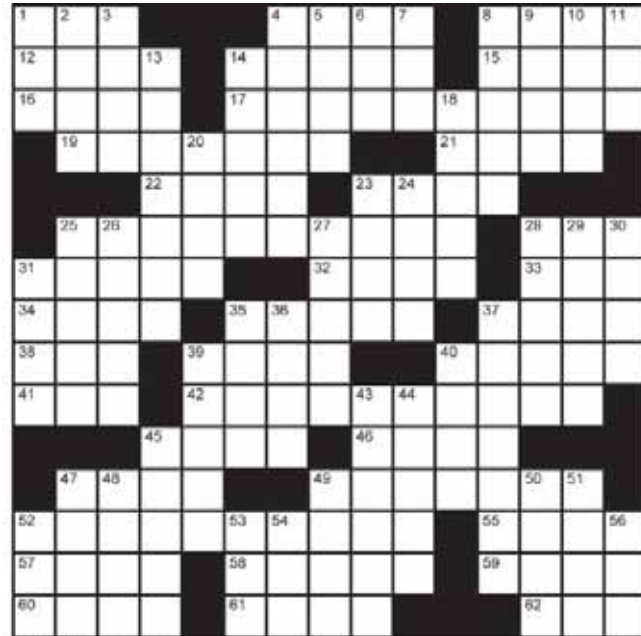
Crossword: Deja Vu

Across

- Cheat (someone out of something)
- Horn honk
- Freeway exit
- Homer Simpson's favourite bar
- As ____: usually (2 wds.)
- One of the Great Lakes
- Foot covering
- Canada's government
- One of the Great Lakes
- Where to find 7-Down
- Boxing decisions, in brief
- Circle around
- Grammy and Juno award winning French-Canadian singer (2 wds.)
- "Ten-hut!" yell: Abbr.
- Place of refuge
- Salesmen, for short
- ____ la la
- Breezed through, as an exam
- Architectural drawings
- Place of refuge
- Prohibition
- Hockey disk
- Canter and gallop
- [Help!]
- Efforts
- Chooses
- Perjurer
- "____ ouil!": certainly (Fr.)
- Exchanged, as words, or, with "out," kicked around
- Rainfall unit
- Academic challenge
- Ballet bend
- Rock band rhythm providers

Down

- Chevys and Cads
- BC National Park adjacent to Banff National Park
- Lowly worker
- Cook slowly in a covered pot
- Currency of France or Italy
- House wing
- Maritime Province: initialism
- Chart again
- Greek counterpart of Mars (god of war)
- After-dinner candy
- Animal kept for companionship
- Cleared one's debts
- Culinary garb
- A long, long time
- Closely related (to)
- Property claim held by a bank
- "Uh oh"
- Bean from which chocolate comes
- Becomes balanced, with "out"
- Admiral Sir Francis who circled the world in the 16th century
- Escalator alternative
- Liberals, familiarly
- Blackens the road
- Montréal skaters, in the sports pages
- Football kick



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- Digital readouts
- PM Wilfrid
- Coke alternative
- Drive onward
- Anti-theft-system components, often
- Jungle growth
- Edmonton NHL team member
- 1,609 meters
- "I cannot tell ____": George Washington (2 wds.)
- A/C capacity measures
- Crossed (out)
- TV host Letterman
- Canadian pols
- Drs.
- A time to remember
- Chess or checkers pieces

Yesterday's Crossword



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Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

6	7	9	5	3	1	4	8	2
8	5	3	2	4	6	9	7	1
2	1	4	9	7	8	5	3	6
3	9	7	6	1	4	2	5	8
4	8	5	3	9	2	1	6	7
1	6	2	7	8	5	3	9	4
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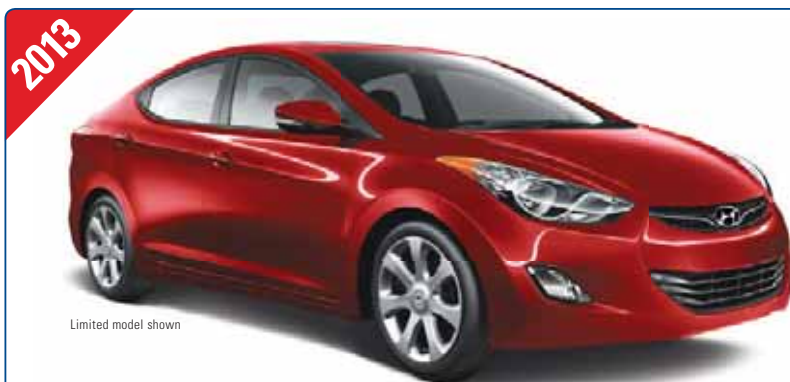
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